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SUMMARY.

Mr. Haldane says that the King has assented to the biggest army order passed for years.

The army will have behind its fighting line machinery adding 100 per cent. in efficiency at less cost than before.

A peace conference representing five Central American republics has reconciled all conflicting interests.

The conference has also established a High Court to which all the republics concerned must submit their disputes.

A Vienna Red Book reveals a pitiable state of unrest and bloodshed in Macedonia, due to lawless bands, chiefly Greeks.

Liberal Socialists and R.C. deputies are vigorously opposing the annexation of the Congo Free State to Belgium.

The convention between Italy and Western Australia respecting Italian immigration is to be laid before the Deputies when settled.

The examination with respect to Dinizulu, the paramount Zulu chief, will be held in gaol.

The Natal Government is about to arrest Silwane, who controls nearly 10,000 men, and Muden, the most powerful Natal chief.

Nozam es Sucatneh has formed a Cabinet in Persia in succession to Nasir-el-Mulk.

The Shah of Persia has solemnly assured Great Britain and Russia that he will not abolish constitutional regime.

Four mutineers at Sebastopol have been sentenced to death and nine to penal servitude.

The trial of Count Kuno Moltke, charged with libelling Maximilian Harden, is being continued in camera.

A wealthy Veronese engineer was found stabbed to death on the Rome to Ancona express and robbed of deeds worth £14,000.

The troops sent to Nevada in connection with the strike have been withdrawn.

The restrictions on amusements on the Sabbath in New York have failed. Sunday entertainments have recommenced.

Caldwell, the arrested Druce witness, who is ill, arrived at New York in a state bordering on collapse.

Cambridge University will get £400,000 upon the death of the widow of the late Sir W. G. Pearce, of Trinity College.

Towards the sum of £20,000 required for underfed school children in London, £8000 has been raised by subscription.

In a fight between troops and strikers at Alianza, Chili seven rioters were killed and sixteen wounded.

The Premier says New South Wales has received scant courtesy from the Federal Government respecting the printing of postage stamps.

Sir Wm. Lyne has decided to have the postage stamps printed at one central office—in Melbourne.

The effect will be to render useless expensive plant used for years, and create numerous unemployed.

The fourteenth annual conference of the New South Wales Public School Teachers' Association was opened yesterday.

The Premier said that such gatherings were welcome so far as the State and the department were concerned.

He hoped that the deliberations of the conference would be based on sound reason, and not on matters political.

In accordance with Mr. Hogue's promise, the Government was quite willing to adjust grievances and rectify anomalies.

It is anticipated that the arrears of increases to State school teachers will be paid during next week.

Representative citizens yesterday decided to entertain Mr. Wm. Sandford at a public banquet in recognition of his services to industry.

Eight passengers were injured in a railway accident at the Cowra railway platform on Sunday night.

Part of a goods train became detached while shunting, and collided with a train stationary at the platform.

Those injured were promptly removed to the local hospital, and placed under surgical treatment.

Duty paid in respect of probates and letters of administration for the week ended last Saturday amounted to £8105 9s 3d.

At the Teachers' Conference yesterday reference was made to the vicissitudes of little scholars in the farming districts.

Acting-inspector Blumer said a little girl, scarcely eight, was made by her parents to milk 13 cows each morning.

After that the little one had to walk four miles along a bush road to school, and milk again in the evening.

The match between the English cricket team and a Victorian eleven was continued at Melbourne yesterday.

Shortly before 3 o'clock the Englishmen declared their innings closed—nine for 503.

When stumps were drawn the Victorians had lost three wickets for 166.

The first annual session of the Assistant Teachers' Association was opened at the Sydney Girls' High School last night.

It was stated there were 1914 assistant teachers in the department, represented by seven members on the Teachers' Association.

A resolution was come by to ask the department to draw up a scheme of superannuation for teachers.

The City Council has resolved to urge upon the Harbour Trust the desirability of sealing ships' sanitary conveniences while in ports.

The Sydney City Mission entertained 2000 children of the poor in the Town Hall last night.

A biographic picture display was given, there was a Christmas tree, and refreshments were served.

A number of well-known criminals have been sent to gaol in Adelaide for terms well over the Christmas holidays.

The Southern collieries, owing to the brisk trade, will close only on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

The Federal Treasurer is engaged in formulating a scheme for taking over the debts of the States.

The scheme will include payment for properties transferred from the States to the Commonwealth.

Sir Joseph Ward says it will be impossible to arrange for a Government steamer to tow the Nimrod to the ice region.

If possible arrangements will be made for a number of passengers to accompany the expedition as far as the ice.

The harvest prospects at Cuyra have been greatly enhanced by the recent rains. Good crops are now assured.

The Bowan Park district is almost in a state of desolation. It is questionable whether the crops will suffice local requirements.

The crops are turning out better than was expected at Peak Hill.

The Mother o' Ducks Lagoon, near Guyra, which was a fine lake a few years ago, is now quite dry.

A proclamation was issued yesterday proroguing the State Parliament till February 4.

Further resolutions have been passed by the pastures protection boards favouring a trial of the Danysz microbe on the mainland.

The employees of Messrs. F. Lassetter and Co. entertained Colonel Lassetter at a valedictory dinner on Saturday evening.

A pawnbroker's establishment at the corner of Cambridge and Argyle streets was seriously damaged by fire on Sunday morning.

The co-respondent's case in the Wallace divorce suit in Melbourne was closed yesterday.

A committee has been formed at Lithgow to distribute the £100 sent by Messrs. G. and E. Hoskins, Ltd., for needy workers.

The grasshopper plague has wrought great havoc among the potato crops at Tumbarumba.

The Seamen's Union at Wellington intends to make a determined effort to secure improved wages and conditions.

Only limited business was done in silver stocks yesterday, but prices were well maintained, and closed firm.

Copper shares were not active, but fairly steady. Tin and gold stocks commanded very little attention.

Weather forecast: Fine and warm to hot but sultry, thundery conditions developing shortly.

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*MOLDAVIA....	10,000	E. Gordon.....	March 28
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ORUBA.....	5,071	Plunkett..	Jan. 11	Jan. 14	Jan. 16
ORMUZ.....	6,465	Shelford.	Jan. 25	Jan. 28	Jan. 30
OROTAVA....	5,960	Jenks....	Feb. 8	Feb. 11	Feb. 13
†ORONTES...	9,023	Ruthven..	Feb. 19	Feb. 25	Feb. 27
†OPHIR.....	6,814	Coad.....	Mar. 4	Mar. 10	Mar. 12
†*ASTURIAS.	12,200		Mar. 18	Mar. 24	Mar. 26
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†*OMRAH....	8,282	Symons..	April 15	April 21	April 23

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MARAMA (Twin-screw), SATURDAY, January 4, at 1 p.m.

TASMANIA.

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MARAROA, THURSDAY, January 2, at noon; January 11, 27, 30.
From HOBART—December 27; January 7, 16, 25.
For LAUNCESTON, via EDEN—
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THURSDAY ISLAND, NORMANTON, BURKETOWN. WODONGA, THIS DAY, Tuesday, 7 p.m., December 24. (Transhipping at Brisbane.)

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TO-NIGHT and on each night hereafter (Saturdays excepted) up to January 12, inclusive, an ADDITIONAL PASSENGER TRAIN, conveying sleeping car and through vehicles for Glen Innes, will leave Sydney at 7.34 p.m., and call at the principal stations as far as Morris Creek, thence at all stations to Glen Innes.

SYDNEY TO MUDGEE.

TO-NIGHT and on each night hereafter (Christmas Day and Saturdays excepted) up to January 12, inclusive, an ADDITIONAL PASSENGER TRAIN, with sleeping car and through vehicles for Mudgee will leave Sydney at 7.32 p.m., and call at the principal stations as far as Wallerawang, thence at all stations to Mudgee.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, 1907.

INTERSTATE FARES.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued at certain NEW SOUTH WALES STATIONS to the principal QUEENSLAND, VICTORIAN, AND SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATIONS, until WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1.

These tickets will be available for return for three months from date of issue, but tickets issued to Melbourne and other Victorian stations will NOT be available by Express Trains, except on payment of the difference between the Holiday Excursion and Ordinary rates. The journey may be broken for one month going, and during the currency of the ticket on return.

CHEAP EXCURSION TRAINS.

CHEAP EXCURSION TICKETS at 2d per mile First-class return (minimum 2s) and 1d per mile Second-class return (minimum 1s) will be issued by the undermentioned trains to and from all stations at which the trains are shown to call.

These tickets will be available for return within one calendar month from date of issue BY SPECIFIED TRAINS (for particulars of which see handbills).

CHEAP TRAINS FROM SYDNEY.

ILLAWARRA LINE.

TO-DAY (TUES.), DEC. 24.—1.30 p.m. to Kiama; 3.45 p.m. to Nowra; 5.24 p.m. to Wollongong; 5.55 p.m. to stations Unanderra to Nowra; 8.0 p.m. to Kiama; 11.30 p.m. to Nowra.

WED., DEC. 25.—7.30 a.m. to Nowra; 7.36 a.m. to Wollongong.

THUR., DEC. 26.—7.8 a.m. to Wollongong; 7.30 p.m. to Nowra; 7.38 a.m. to Wollongong.

NORTHERN LINE.

TO-DAY (TUES.), DEC. 24.—8.15 a.m. to Newcastle; 1.55 p.m. to Tamworth (to stations north of Gosford); 3.40 p.m. to Newcastle (to stations north of Gosford); 4.25 p.m. and 8.0 p.m. to Gosford; 8.20 p.m. and 11.15 p.m. to Newcastle and West Maitland.

WED., DEC. 25.—8.15 a.m. to Newcastle.

THUR., DEC. 26.—7.35 a.m. to Gosford; 8.15 a.m. to Newcastle.

WESTERN LINE.

TO-DAY (TUES.), DEC. 24.—8.28 a.m. to Katoomba; 9.55 p.m. to Orange (to stations west of Mt. Victoria); 5.55 p.m. to Katoomba; 4.50 p.m. and 5.26 p.m. to Mt. Victoria; 7.52 p.m. to stations on the Mudgee line; 9.10 p.m. to Orange (to Bowenfels and stations west thereof); 9.18 p.m. to Eskbank; 11.20 p.m. to Bathurst.

WED., DEC. 25.—8.55 a.m. to Mount Victoria; 8.28 p.m. to Eskbank.

THUR., DEC. 26.—7.50 a.m. and 8.5 a.m. to Mount Victoria; 8.28 a.m. to Eskbank.

SOUTHERN LINE.

TO-DAY (TUES.), DEC. 24.—3.20 p.m. to Goulburn; 5 p.m. to Bundanoon; 5.15 p.m. to Camden and Goulburn; 8.10 p.m. at Sydney (only) to stations on the Cooma and Crookwell lines; 11.25 p.m. to Camden and Goulburn; 11.45 p.m. to Campbelltown.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25.—8.0 a.m. to Goulburn; 9.30 a.m. to Camden.

THURSDAY, DEC. 26.—8.0 a.m. to Goulburn; 9.30 a.m. to Camden.

EXCURSION TO THE HAWKESBURY RIVER.

Trains will leave Sydney TO-MORROW at 9.10 a.m., and on THURSDAY, at 9.10 a.m. and 9.18 a.m., connecting train from Milson's Point at 8.30 a.m.

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Trains will leave Sydney for Penrith TO-MORROW and THURSDAY, at 8.38 a.m., 10.15 a.m., and 1.25 p.m.

Return fares from Sydney (including rail, coach, and steamer)—First-class, 6s 5d; Second-class, 4s.

Refreshments can be obtained at the landing place on the river at reasonable rates.

COMO AND NATIONAL PARK.

On DECEMBER 25 and 26 the maximum return fares from Sydney, Redfern, and intermediate Illawarra suburban stations (including the Belmore line) to Marrickville, Oatley, Como, Sutherland, Loftus, and National Park will not exceed 3s 6d first-class and 1s second-class, available for return on day of issue only. An improved train service will be given to the stations named.

ADDITIONAL AND ALTERED TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

In addition to the ordinary train service, and the cheap trains shown above, special country trains will leave Sydney on

DEC. 24, 10.30 p.m., for Liverpool; 11.45 p.m., for Campbelltown; 8.27 a.m., for Wollongong; 11.27 p.m., for Penrith and Richmond; 9.10 a.m., for Gosford.

DEC. 25, 9.10 a.m., to Gosford.

DEC. 26, 8.30 p.m., to Liverpool; 10.30 p.m., to Liverpool; 8.27 a.m., for Wollongong; 9.30 a.m., for Bearborough; 9.33 a.m., for Kiama; 8.0 p.m., for Bulli; 9.0 p.m., for Bulli to Nowra; 10.0 a.m., for Katoomba; 8.27 p.m., to Richmond; 7.52 p.m., for Mudgee (to stations west of Mt. Victoria only); 11.27 p.m., for Mt. Victoria and Richmond; 9.10 a.m., for Gosford; 9.18 a.m., for Hawkesbury.

On DEC. 25 and 26 the 6.24 a.m. train from Campbelltown to Sydney WILL NOT RUN. Owing to the withdrawal of this train, Workmen's Weekly Tickets from stations Campbelltown to Casula, inclusive, will be available by the train leaving Campbelltown at 7.20 p.m.

On DEC. 24, 25, and 26 the 6.15 a.m. train, Wollongong to Waterfall, WILL NOT RUN, passengers travelling by train due to leave Wollongong at 6.35 a.m.

From FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, to FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, inclusive (Wednesday, December 25, excepted)—

The 7.45 a.m. train from ORANGE to SYDNEY will run through from Katoomba to Sydney (leaving Katoomba at 1.42 p.m.), calling only at Penrith, Parramatta, and Strathfield, and be due to arrive Sydney at 4.9 p.m.

On the days named an Additional Train will leave KATOOMBA for SYDNEY at 1.53 p.m., calling at all stations and platforms to Penrith, inclusive, thence stopping at Blacktown, Parramatta, and Strathfield, and will arrive Sydney at 4.33 p.m.

On WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, and THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, the 9.20 a.m. local train from Penrith to Parramatta (connecting with the 10.57 a.m. train Parramatta to Sydney) will be altered to leave Penrith at 10.25 a.m., connecting at Parramatta with the 11.25 p.m. train.

On WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, the 5.45 a.m. train, Penrith to Blacktown, WILL NOT RUN. Owing to the withdrawal of this train, Workmen's Weekly Tickets from stations Penrith to Doonside, inclusive, will be available by the train leaving Penrith at 7.20 p.m. on December 25.

On WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 and 26, the 5.56 p.m. train from Blacktown to Sydney WILL NOT RUN.

On THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, the 6.30 p.m. train from Mount Victoria to Penrith WILL NOT RUN.

On WEDNESDAY, December 25, the 4.57 p.m. train Sydney to Blacktown WILL NOT RUN.

On WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, the 4.30 p.m. train from Eskbank to Sydney WILL NOT RUN.

On THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, passengers will not be conveyed to usual intermediate stations as far as Wallerawang, inclusive, or to the Mudgee line, by Mail train leaving Sydney at 7.30 p.m., but must travel by Special Train leaving Sydney at 7.32 p.m.

The 3.40 p.m. train from Sydney to Newcastle on TUESDAY, December 24, will call at stations from Strathfield to Normanhurst, only to pick up passengers for stations north of Hornsby. Passengers for stations from Strathfield to Hornsby to travel by Special train leaving Sydney at 3.50 p.m.

On TUESDAY, 24th, WEDNESDAY, 25th, and THURSDAY, 26th December, passengers will not be conveyed to stations as far as Point Clare, inclusive, by train leaving Sydney at 9.5 a.m., but must travel by Special Train leaving Sydney at 9.10 a.m.

On THURSDAY, December 26, the 3.9 p.m. train from Newcastle to Sydney will not call at Woy Woy and Hawkesbury River.

On THURSDAY, December 26, the 5.30 p.m. train from Sydney to Gosford will terminate at Hawkesbury River; but a service will be given to Woy Woy, Tascott, and Point Clare by Special Train leaving Sydney at 5.45 p.m.

CAMDEN BRANCH.

On WEDNESDAY MORNING, December 25, a SPECIAL TRAM (connecting with the 11.28 p.m. train ex Sydney on Tuesday, December 24) will leave Campbelltown at 12.35 a.m., due Camden at 1.5 a.m., calling at intermediate stopping places where required.

On THURSDAY, December 26, the 9.30 p.m. WEDNESDAY TRAM, Campbelltown to Camden, will run, connecting with the 6.10 p.m. Mail Train from Sydney, arriving Camden at 9.30 p.m.

ALTERED RUNNING OF TRAINS—SUBURBAN LINES.

On WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, December 25 and 26, several alterations and cancellations will be made in the running of ordinary trains on the Main Suburban and Illawarra Suburban Lines, and also on the Milson's Point and Belmore Lines. Passengers are referred to handbills for full particulars.

CANCELLATION OF MORNING FUNERAL TRAIN.

Sydney to Rookwood Mortuary, Christmas Day. On DECEMBER 25 the 9.38 a.m. Funeral Train, Sydney to Rookwood Mortuary Terminus, WILL BE CANCELLED.

For the convenience of passengers wishing to return to Sydney in time for business on FRIDAY, December 27, trains will leave Town at 4.55 a.m., Wollongong at 6.35 a.m., Goulburn at 4.25 a.m., Gosford at 6.32 a.m., and Mount Victoria at 6.15 a.m., 6.40 a.m., and 7.15 a.m.

For full particulars of holiday arrangements, see handbills and posters.

CLOSING OF GOODS SHEDS.

On WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, December 25 and 26, the Goods Shed at Alexandria will be CLOSED, but Darling Harbour and Sydney Goods Sheds will be OPEN until 10 a.m. for the delivery of perishables only. The Goods Sheds at all other stations will be CLOSED except for the receipt and delivery of perishables.

CLOSING OF CITY TICKETS AND PARCELS OFFICE.

On WEDNESDAY, December 25, the City Tickets and Parcels Office will be CLOSED; but on THURSDAY, December 26, will be OPEN until 10 a.m.

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OTHER FEATURES.

The Pastoral Columns are unusually instructive this week. "Lana" has been touring the Gunnedah and Quirindi districts again, and his impressions are highly interesting.

In the Agricultural Section there is a good budget of news of the Commonwealth, while several special articles deal with subjects of importance.

Mr. E. Morey's Pioneering Reminiscences are continued. "Thormanby," the famous English sporting writer, has an entertaining budget of Dog and Gun Stories. "Shortship" has a full review of the last test match, from 1877 to 1907, also comments on the recent game. The literary page is, as usual, bright and instructive, and the stories and poems are entertaining. "Hilroy" contributes much interesting gossip on turf matters, and numerous departments of sport are expertly handled. Social news, musical and dramatic notes, etc, make up a particularly attractive number.

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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

THE RIVERINA WHEAT CROP,

IN THE WAGGA DISTRICT.

As the main wheat-producing centre of the State the condition of Riverina is a matter of interest and importance. Its potentialities have long been recognised, and the trend to increased development and consequent production so marked as to focus interest. There are actually hundreds of thousands of acres of land suitable for wheat-growing untouched by the plough; indeed, in almost the same condition as when first taken up. To-day there is an agitation for closer settlement and the construction of railways, and a strong case can be presented in favour of this policy. Already there has been considerable private subdivision of land, and values have steadily risen. So much so, in fact, as to perilously approach the margin of profit as far as wheat-growing and sheep-farming, the staple industries, are concerned. While wheat is of necessity a commodity governed in its value by the world's markets, the value of the land can always be fixed upon a payable basis; the actual productive capacity of the soil. To a great extent during the last twelve or eighteen months, the price has been fixed not so much by this safe standard, as by the keen demand for land, and the limitations of area available for purchase. It remains to be seen whether the prices paid in many instances will prove profitable to the producer. Nevertheless, land sales are of daily occurrence, and there is a constant and keen demand. As this is in the face of a severe season such as the present, it at least shows the confidence of experienced men in the district. Within the last week sales of importance have been negotiated about Junee and Wagga, and offers have been repeatedly made for certain estates in the latter district without success. At present an agitation is being raised to secure the resumption by the Government of three estates—Borambola, Book Book, and Tarcutta—simultaneously with the construction of a railway from Wagga to Humulu and Tumbarumba. There is no doubt that such an enterprise would open up a magnificent stretch of country, and induce a speedy, permanent, and profitable settlement. The scope of primary industry affected is extensive, and the productive results most attractive. Borambola and Book Book are both situated in splendid wheat country, with a slightly better rainfall than Wagga. Tarcutta is a fine estate, with rich alluvial flats, suitable for dairying, lucerne-growing, and kindred pursuits. Further on the line would tap country giving big yields of potatoes, onions, and fruit, and a district where butter and cheese factories have already been successfully established. When in addition it is noted that virgin tracts of fine timber lands would also be opened up, it must be admitted that the proposal demands the early attention of Parliament. There is not the slightest doubt that the land, if made available, will be eagerly sought after. This is proved by the constant rush for land in the district, and the permanent presence of a large, unsatisfied demand.

If Riverina is the biggest wheat centre in the State, Wagga may be considered the biggest centre in Riverina. This district has relatively bounded forward within recent years, and even under present adverse conditions is prosperous and progressive. Recent resumptions, local subdivision, and development, have had this effect, backed up by the natural wealth of the district. It is sound, red soil country, with a clay subsoil, a district embracing thousands of acres of good wheat land, of which only the fringe has been touched up to the present. In parts there are grey patches of treacherous country, which is spewy in wet weather, but the bulk is of the best. Local wheatgrowers have suffered in company with other parts of the state, and had it not been for the late rains, the value of which is beyond description, the crops would have been written down as failures. As it is, of course, the returns are comparatively disappointing, but are much more than was expected two months ago. The average for the district will be five bushels. Probably what is stripped will run to eight or nine bushels; but a considerable quantity has fallen for hay. There has been heavy rain within the last few days, which will damage some of the grain. In this district for a good season rain should come in September or October. Given rain also from February to April, and a big season is assured. Under such conditions, Riverina can compete with all-comers as a wheat centre. Rain in March means good grass for the lambing and winter feed generally, fills the tanks, and allows ploughing to be conducted under the best circumstances. This year there was no rain in the winter, which makes all the difference. Stock have suffered severely. As regards the rain within the last few days, there is not much probability of the grain being bleached unless it is followed by further downpours.

There are, of course, many crops giving a heavy average, some yield up to four and five bags, and, as usual, these are on well cultivated lands. The average, however, is low. On Marrar, returns are up to expectations, and some paddocks are going 4½ bags. Most of the crops are light, however, and the average will only be about seven bushels. There was not much oats grown, and very little hay cut. About Lake Albert, on the other hand, the greater part of the crop was cut for hay, and most of the poor crops were eaten off. In this locality Mr. Anthony Brunskill, winner of the "Herald" and "Mail" Slopes and Plains Farm Competition, has the best average, with a 4½-bag crop. The wheat stripped will run about nine bushels. On Gobbagumbalin the new men were unable to get in any crop, except in a few instances. The old share-farmers, however, have crops averaging seven bushels. About Uranquinty, Merrulebale, and Downside, the conditions are much the same.

There is no doubt that 70 points of rain (and it does not seem much) coming early in November, and followed shortly by over an inch, saved the harvest, as far as Wagga district is concerned. As it is, although not a half-crop, the prospective price will make matters bearable in so far as the men who have farmed their land properly are concerned. The warm weather and the winds that followed the rain have affected returns to an extent. In the district, hay ran from six hundredweight to a ton to the acre; but the oat crops were practically a failure, although there were cases of three to four bags per acre being obtained. The wheat grain is of splendid quality, as is usually the case in a dry season. The crops did not show much straw, but even many stunted fields had a good head growth and heavy grain. Owing to the forcing nature of the weather lately, the grain ripened quickly, and stripping will soon be over. Farmers locally are inclined to hold for a better price than is offering at time of writing.

ITEMS.

Only a few days ago several members of the Bathurst Progress Association objected to visit the local Experimental Farm because it was not run on commercial lines, and because it did not publish a balance-sheet. Mr. R. W. Peacock, manager of the farm, lectured last week on this very subject, and replied to those critics. He pointed out that the experimental farm was not designed to pay its way, but to demonstrate several things which the ordinary farmer could not do, as he had to run his concern on lines of profit and loss. One object was to secure data on which agriculture throughout the State might be improved by means of experiments and demonstration.

Receipts from the Bathurst farm last financial year totalled £2275, but the expenses, Mr. Peacock said, were double that amount. It was his aim to show how the land could be improved, and he was steadily doing that. At the farm there were 14 employees, and the monthly paysheet amounted to £125. Last year there was grown on the farm:—Wheat, 70 varieties and 168 crossbreds; oats, 41; barleys, 19; ryes, 6; millets, 28; sorghums, 7; potatoes, 48; clover, 17; lucerne, 10; fodder plants, 5; grasses, 42 varieties; and other miscellaneous crops. Great expense was incurred in sowing and harvesting so as to ensure reliability. He then spoke of the orchard, enumerating the varieties of fruits grown. The output of the farm orchard was 4500 cases last year. Information was also given relating to the manurial experiments carried out.

Will Mr. Chapman, the late Minister for Customs, who promulgated the order a few months ago that the standard size for corn-sacks should be 200lb, persevere in face of the opposition that his proposal has met? The Farmers and Settlers' Association of this State, when legislation was proposed in the State Parliament with reference to it, objected; the last conference of the association passed a unanimous resolution in condemnation of the State proposal; and since Mr. Chapman made his order in the Federal arena nearly every branch has passed another condemnatory resolution. Resolutions of a similar nature have been passed in Victoria, and now comes news from South Australia that much concern and dissatisfaction are being caused there. The Queensland Farmers' Association has fallen into line with New South Wales on the subject, and at the next conference of the Interstate Farmers' Association a resolution is to be considered dealing with the subject.

This interstate gathering meets in Adelaide on January 20, and there will be four delegates from each State except Tasmania, which will not be represented, and among the resolutions which the local associations have approved for submission is one to the effect that the Federal Government should make arrangements for wheat market quotations to be posted daily at telegraph offices, for the establishment of the elevator system for handling grain, for the extension of the telephone system throughout the Commonwealth, for Federal action in regard to rabbit destruction, and for the encouragement of the immigration of suitable persons.

Mr. R. Radcliffe, now of West Maitland, in 1896 submitted to the Railway Commissioners a contrivance for watering stock in the trucks, while they are being conveyed to market. The Commissioners at that time told him that the bad state of the railway finances would not permit of a trial of the project. It was therefore dropped for the time. Mr. Radcliffe has now revived it, and as the original plans which he submitted are lost he has furnished a second set. The principle of the invention is that tanks of water are carried at the ends of the trucks, just over the buffers, and collapsible troughs are placed along the sides of the trucks. Each truck will carry 280 gallons of water.

Sales of sheep to the Government of Western Australia have been made from the Mulwala district. In all there were 2053 two-tooth ewes from various owners, and 30 four-tooth rams. The intention of the Government of the State named is to sell the sheep on their arrival at Fremantle to farmers on long terms, and from time to time to make fresh purchases on their behalf.

METROPOLITAN AND SUBURBAN DAIRYMEN.

Mr. Myles M'Rae writes:—The judgment of the Arbitration Court, delivered by Judge Heydon, was that when prime dry green lucerne hay came down to £4 per ton, and sold at that price for one month, the common rule of shorter hours and higher wages to the employees should take effect. In fairness to the dairymen, who are admitted to be on their last legs through the high rates ruling for lucerne hay, maize, oat and barley meal, as well as oaten and wheaten chaff and oats used in feeding their horses, there should have been another provision made. All those goods still sell at exorbitant rates, except lucerne hay, and milk having only recently risen to 3d per quart, at which price it should have been selling during the last two years in order to make both ends meet, a proviso should have been added to the judgment, "that until the price of milk went down to 4d per quart the common rule should not take effect until prime dry green lucerne hay went down to £3 15s per ton, maize to 3s bushel, bran and pollard to 7d, 8d, or 9d per bushel, oaten and wheaten chaff to £3 or £4 per ton. The new order of things should not obtain. At these prices I know from practical experience during the last 40 years they could only subsist by selling milk at 4d per quart, without the application of the common rule, which never should be applied to the producer of warm milk, because if they don't start milking the cows early the milk would not be delivered in time.

I am given to understand that not 15 per cent. of the employees belong to any union whatever, and if the billet does not suit them they can go on the "dole;" that ends the matter. The actual position is this: only early risers can possibly carry on a city or suburban dairy, and if the authorities don't want to wipe them out they had better leave them alone. They are in a serious corner, having to contend with the distributers of country milk, and without any interference they have a big job to keep their heads out of water.

PHYLLOXERA NEAR ALBURY.

Mr. George J. Martin writes:—It is said that the authorities are about to engage a large number of men to uproot and destroy the vines in a vineyard near Albury, recently reported to be infected with the phylloxera pest.

In the interests of the department, as well as that of the vinegrowers of the district, I wish to make a few friendly remarks.

This is the wrong time of the year for uprooting. Very few of the flying phylloxera are now above the surface of the ground, but the great bulk on the roots are moving upwards with their vessels and eggs packed in a compact semi-circle against their sides. Exposure to the light seems to give strength and motion to these appendages, and it is a pretty, though an ominous sight, to watch the sudden dropping, trembling, and expanding of the wings as each insect emerges into the glare of day, and prepares to take its flight abroad. This flight should not be assisted by man, but retarded as far as possible. The vines should be cut down to a couple of inches below the surface, the whole of the cut-off portion injured by fire, a hole bored, or a cross slash made, in the remaining stem or root, and crude kerosene, or "eradicator," poured on and around the cut, and the soil immediately contiguous. By this means the pest may be confined—if not killed outright—until March, when, the flying season being over, the uprooting and burning may be undertaken, without danger of spreading the disease. Where phylloxera is found only on a few vines in one portion of a vineyard, there is no necessity to uproot the whole area. I once found the pest on five vines in the middle of a vineyard, and destroyed 24 immediately surrounding, and in addition to, the five. That vineyard is still paying well, and no disease has been since discovered. At the proper time for uprooting and burning—say March to October—labourers should be employed who know nothing about vineyards or phylloxera; all they have to do is to destroy as directed.

THE HARVEST.

GUYRA.—The locality benefited by about two inches of rain during the past fortnight, which has further improved the harvest prospects of the district. The wheat and oat crops are looking remarkably well, especially the former, but the oats in some places have been nipped by the frost of a fortnight ago. The farmers are still busy putting in potatoes, which crop may be planted in this district as late as the New Year. The growth of grass throughout the district is phenomenal, and is the best season experienced here within the knowledge of oldest farmers. As a consequence, stock of all kinds are in tip-top condition, and even the dairy herds look fit for the butcher. A spell of fine weather—such as is being experienced now—is what is required, and the success of the harvest will be well assured.

THE CROPS.

PEAK HILL.—The wheat crops are turning out better than was expected a month ago. The grain is a good sample, the general average being about 10 or 11 bushels to the acre.

THE RABBIT MICROBE.

GUYRA.—The decision of the Armidale Pastures Protection Board to recommend that the Danysz virus be tried on the mainland for the destruction of rabbits is meeting with much disfavour in the Guyra district.

SHEARING.

GUYRA.—Shearing has been considerably delayed in the Guyra district, owing to the wet weather, and as the rain continued up to Wednesday last, it was then decided at the chief sheds to abandon work until after the Christmas holidays—about the second week in the new year. It is not often that sheep-owners complain of the sheep being in too good condition for shearing, but such has been the case in several instances in this district this season. Owing to the sheep carrying too much condition, the rain dulls the appearance of the wool, and very often leaves a stain. This does not affect the quality of the wool—the staple—but it detracts somewhat from its appearance, and for show purposes takes off a point or two.

DESTRUCTION OF RABBITS.

ARMIDALE.—At a special meeting of the Pastures Protection Board a resolution was carried that the board do all in its power to ensure a fair trial of the Danysz microbe on the mainland.

SCONE.—At a meeting of the Murrurundi Pastures Protection Board on Monday the question of the advisability of allowing the Danysz experiments in rabbit destruction to continue on the mainland was discussed. The following resolution was passed:—"That this board approve of the Danysz microbe for the extermination of rabbits being fully tested on the mainland and that our State and Federal members be asked to support such action in every way possible; and that the shire councils of Warrah and Woolima be asked to take similar action."

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AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The weights for the minor handicaps in connection with the above meeting were declared yesterday as under:—

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP—1m.

	st lb		st lb
Neith	9 7	Lady Trist	8 5
Florance	9 0	Hautaway	8 0
Ambassador	8 12	Outbreak	7 10
Camera	8 12	Belle Bloss	7 9
Nangroo	8 12	Lunar Light	7 9
Felicia	8 9	Proportion	7 8
Hautnib	8 9	Hildebrook	7 8
Goldbud	8 9	Lady Rusmalf	7 7
Mountain Daisy	8 9	London	7 7
Musquet	8 9	Sir Aymer	7 7
Ipsie	8 8	Furie	7 7
High Lady	8 5	Lancasterie	7 7
Ina	8 5	Lochan	7 0
Totolo	8 4	Bride's Veil	7 0
Footpad	8 4	Conchetor	7 0
Simora	8 2	Scapegrace	7 0
Smart	8 2	Longchamps	7 0
Bungledoo	8 2	Severe	6 10
Adorer	8 0	Arcturus	6 0
Pharos	8 0		

FLYING HANDICAP—6f.

Bansal	9 7	Send Off	7 6
Forge	9 6	Barbican	7 6
Artful	9 2	Coppertop	7 6
Kyendgerie	9 0	Lady Isabel	7 6
Neith	8 10	Blathematite	7 6
Gaby	8 9	Lady Pucile	7 4
Swallow	8 6	Diplomatist	7 4
Visel	8 4	Bungledoo	7 4
Barrenjoey	8 4	Specimen	7 4
Bobs	8 2	Jolly Kate	7 2
Jute	8 2	Lord Jersey	7 2
Honors	8 2	Parmenio	7 0
Montcalm	7 13	Metal King	6 12
Cross O	7 12	Hildebrook	6 12
Hidro	7 12	Autrull	6 9
Maistersdene	7 10	L'Aiglon	6 7
Far North	7 10	Woodside	6 7
Isca	7 8		

NURSERY HANDICAP—5f.

Banquo	8 5	Maltour	7 9
Little Lad	9 0	Little Heathen	7 7
Lady Malster	8 12	Vervain	7 7
Barrel	8 9	Tinsee	7 7
Safrano	8 5	Eden May	7 6
Lord Nolan	8 4	Erindale	7 6
Maltman	8 4	My Delight	7 4
Orcus	8 2	Barley Hope	7 3
Glade	8 0	To and Fro	7 0
Maistercroon	7 12	Monobel	7 0
Flirtator	7 12	Prize Crown	7 0
Trenchmore	7 12	Horoscope	7 0
Emita	7 10	Scotch Aire	7 0
Red Ink	7 10	Disdain	7 0
Collet	7 10		

A.J.C. HANDICAP—1½m.

Kyendgerie	9 12	Vada	8 1
Comely	9 10	Footpad	8 0
True Light	9 8	Royal Arthur	8 0
Real Rock	9 8	Bromine	8 0
Gaby	9 7	Dora Grey	8 0
Louisiana	9 3	Adorer	7 12
Vanadium	9 3	Dumont	7 12
Selfry	9 4	Pompolite	7 9
The Palmist	9 1	Lady Wilde	7 9
Barrenjoey	9 1	Bagitta	7 9
Melodeon	9 1	Golderite	7 9
Grafton Lad	9 1	Amphora	7 7
Miss Stanmer	9 1	Miss Muriel	7 7
Camera	8 7	Adios	7 7
Nangroo	8 7	Kenmare	7 7
Blue Book	8 6	King's Cross	7 7
Neirbo	8 6	Woodside	7 7
Metallist	8 2		

WOLLONGONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Following are the entries for the race meeting to be held on Monday next:—

Maiden Welter Handicap, 8f.—Gumb, Lord Marion, Modiste, Merv Light, My Pan, Treside, Glenally Rosebank, Colchis, Lady Bel, Stoensel, Mandalay, Glenorry, Gay Lad.

Unanderra Stakes, 6f.—Kempsey, Berndeberg, Masmore, Metal King, Ruenalf II., Severe, Bono, Farmeress.

Trial Stakes, 6f.—Merrale, Lord Merton, Modiste, My Pan, Treside, Lady Bel, Peceavi, Stoensel, Seashore.

Wollongong Handicap, 1m.—Moray, High Lady, Irascible, Ruenalf II., Lowlynn, Severe, Seamster.

Kembla Welter, 7f.—Kempsey, Berndeberg, Masmore, Metal King, Bono, Seashore, Seamster.

TATTERSALL'S CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

Acceptances were declared yesterday, and the following remain in:—

TATTERSALL'S CLUB CUP.—2m.

	st lb		st lb
Lord Fitzroy	8 6	Ossian	7 5
Vanadium	8 0	Florance	7 3
Garches	7 13	Lady Trenchant	7 0
Gaby	8 12	Footpad	6 7
True Light	7 10	Royal Arthur	6 7
Lucana	7 6	Electron	6 7
Australian Colours	7 6	Royal Star	6 7

VICTORIA RACING CLUB.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MEETING.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The following weights were issued to-day for the principal handicaps of the V.R.C. New Year's Day meeting:—

Standish Handicap, 6f.—Little Toy, 9st 5lb; Red Streak, 9st 3lb; Grenadier, 8st 12lb; Miss Bobby, 8st 10lb; Lady Esme, 8st 7lb; Cuneiform, 8st 7lb; Alexandra, 8st 5lb; Northwood, 8st 5lb; Villah, 8st 5lb; Sweetcrown, 8st 3lb; Dalgety, 8st 3lb; Dullius, 8st 1lb; Veremice, 7st 11lb; Pinkie, 7st 10lb; The Amazon, 7st 10lb; Pretty Polly, 7st 10lb; Equiform, 7st 8lb; Lady Joan, 7st 8lb; Kiwi, 7st 8lb; E.O., 7st 7lb; Gendarme, 7st 7lb; Roncommon, 7st 7lb; Splash, 7st 7lb; Ditty, 7st 5lb; Akim Foo, 7st 5lb; Hocuba, 6st 13lb; Simplicity, 6st 13lb; Le Jeune, 6st 12lb; Flying Flag, 6st 9lb; Fiery Star, 6st 9lb; Gracevale, 6st 7lb; Grafton Belle, 6st 7lb; Lorenzo, 6st 7lb; Histori, 6st 7lb; Lady Bellisle, 6st 7lb.

Bagot Handicap, 1½m.—Tulkeroo, 9st 4lb; Red Streak, 8st 11lb; Pierus, 8st 10lb; Putty, 9st; Proceeder, 8st 11lb; Thackeray, 8st 11lb; Mirs, 8st 5lb; Lady Esme, 8st 5lb; Vim, 7st 13lb; Miami, 7st 11lb; Delaware, 7st 7lb; Willy Wally, 7st 2lb; Heretieve, 6st 11lb; Tentalla, 6st 9lb; The Infanta, 6st 9lb; Monitress, 6st 7lb; Birrehyne, 6st 7lb; Sienna, 6st 7lb; Mario, 6st 7lb; Rivanch, 6st 7lb.

GUNDAROO BOXING DAY RACES.

QUEANBEYAN, Monday.

The following are the weights for the Gundaroo race meeting on Boxing Day:—

Opening Handicap, 6f.—Madeline, 8st 9lb; Orinella, 9st 3lb; Combo, 8st 6lb; Eppo, 8st 4lb; Pretty Boy, 8st; Bill Gambril, 7st 2lb; Rosebar, 6st 10lb; Random, 6st 7lb; Warlock, 6st 7lb.

Christmas Box, 1m.—Madeline, 8st 7lb; Combo, 8st 4lb; Eppo, 8st 2lb; Glen, 7st 13lb; Pretty Boy, 7st 10lb; Bill Gambil, 7st; Rosebar, 6st 9lb; Random, 6st 7lb; Warlock, 6st 7lb.

ORANGE JOCKEY CLUB.

The following are the nominations for the principal events of the Orange Jockey Club's New Year's meeting:—

Opening Handicap, 6f.—Keen, Staple, Vanlock, Claris, St. Cloud, Trisieria, St. Louis, Holly Boy, Whisper, Partridge, Saucy Kate, Denis, Far North, The Acolyte, Spectic, Corralynn, Sampson Brass, Adnor.

New Year's Gift, 1m.—Partridge, Denis, Anatroff, Lady Alice, Pompolite, Billy Mac, Lowlynn, Far North, Athalie, The Acolyte, Enfield, Fluorine.

Orange Handicap, 1m 1f.—Staple, Seismic, Athalie, The Acolyte, Enfield, Fluorine, Lowlynn, Anatroff, Lady Alice, Pompolite, Billy Mac.

WARWICK FARM RACING CLUB.

JANUARY MEETING.

The entries received yesterday for the above meeting are subjoined:—

Farm Stakes, 6f.—Old Ned, Gersh, Margalong, Mandalay, Lord Merton, Ben Buckley, My Pan, Cres O., Crystal Brook, Lochan, Wollara, Crofton, Farm, Simon, Conductor, Comdale, Hildebrook, Warspite, Stoensel, Hadnurb.

Jumpers' Flat Race, 1½m.—Seagold, Seapegrace, Irascible, Barry, W.A., Superstition, Orange, Ruenalf II.

Liverpool Mile.—Wha Hae, Eanismar, Kempsey, Moray, Lady Trist, Pharos, Set Free, Felicia, The Intended, Thargomindah, Hildebrook, Noela, Outbreak, Simora.

Warwick Handicap, 1½m.—Royal Arthur, Ben Buckley, Pharos, True Light, Miss Noble, Set Free, Brosnine, Simple Simon, Goldlock, Dora Grey, Amphora, Goldcrite.

Nursery Handicap, 5f.—Moet, Edna May, Disdain, Maistercroon, Erindale, King Mark.

BOWLS.

NEW SOUTH WALES v NEW ZEALAND.

The closing date for entries of players to represent New South Wales against New Zealand has been extended to 31st instant.

ATHLETICS.

HIGHLAND SOCIETY'S SPORTS.

The following entries have been received:—

100yds Championship.—N. Barker (U.A.C.), A. J. Wilkins (S.H.), J. Campbell (B.H.), J. M'Pherson (E.S.A.A.C.).

880yds Championship.—N. Barker (U.A.C.), H. C. Gregory (S.H.), W. Symmons (S.S.H.), G. Retford (B.H.), T. Grey (W.S.A.), C. J. M. Lynch (E.S.A.A.C.), E. Austin (B.H.).

The following handicaps have been declared:—

One Mile Handicap.—J. M. Lynch, scr; A. Wood, 10yds; T. Grey, 15; H. Gregory, 30; J. Dickie, 40; B. Hilder, 55; A. Bowe, W. Batsell, 65; A. F. Collins, F. de Bussell, 70; H. Frost, A. N. Whipp, E. Claiborne, G. L. Butler, G. Howell, H. Lane, C. Hurley, 75; T. Gamble, 80; W. Harmer, 85; A. Buckland, A. Champion, 90; T. Gannon, 95; A. Williams, 100. C. D. Jones, hon. handicapper.

Obstacle 440yds Handicap.—W. H. Wiseman, scr; W. Colley, 5yds; A. Wood, 10; H. Lane, T. Wallace, J. Davidson, 15; E. Cleburne, 20.

220yds Handicap.—A. J. Wilkins, scr; D. B. Carroll, R. O'Farrell, 2yds; J. Robertson, W. M. Colley, 9; G. Parks, 11; A. Buckland, J. Herlihy, 14; W. Maitland, J. Bradley, 15; W. Muir, H. Gorrell, 16; T. Wallace, J. Warburton, 17; F. Ferris, 18; H. Gregory, 19.

120yds Handicap.—J. M'Pherson, 3yds; D. B. Carroll, E. O'Farrell, 4½; J. Robertson, T. M. Malone, jun., 5; B. Hardwick, W. M. Colley, 5½; H. Halverson, G. Parks, 6; J. Davidson, 7; C. Lynch, 8; J. Bradley, J. Soary, G. Parke, H. M'Farlane, 7½; W. Maitland, G. Muir, H. Gorrell, 8; A. Curtis, 8½; J. Warburton, 9; T. Wallace, 9½; F. Campbell, 9½. B. R. Hornsby, hon. handicapper.

One Mile Walk Handicap.—H. J. Smith, scr; C. Weyman, 3m 3s; W. Harmer, 20s; F. A. Lewis, 30s; C. E. Wyld, 40s; W. Derby, 45s; G. Hall, 50s; A. Gamble, A. White, W. M'Kew, A. M'Allister, H. Mullokind, F. J. Morgan, 60s; W. London, 65s; H. Flower, 70s.

Broad Jump Handicap.—A. J. Wilkins, H. Hedger, scr; T. M. Malone, jun., all 8in; R. F. Vale, J. M. Campbell, 6in; C. Byron, 10in; J. M. Lynch, 1ft 3in; R. A. Adams, F. Mazerakis, R. C. O'Brien, 1ft 6in; J. Bradley, 1ft 9in; J. Herlihy, 2ft 3in.

Pole Vault Handicap.—R. A. Adams, scr; A. M'Allister, allowed 6in; W. D. Brown, 1ft; R. S. Northcote, 1ft 3in; A. Davidson, 1ft 6in; J. Bradley, 1ft 9in; E. Cleburne, 1ft 9in; H. Flower, 2ft.

High Jump Handicap.—A. H. Scott, W. D. Brown, C. H. Stephens, scr; A. M'Allister, R. F. Vale, allowed 3in; C. Grant, R. S. Northcote, F. Wooden, J. M. Campbell, 3in; W. D. Kirkland, 4in; G. H. M'Gill, 5in.

Putting 16lb Shot (handicap).—F. Morgan, scr; C. Ellis, allowed 2ft; A. C. Grant, 2ft; R. Blaxcroo, 2ft 6in; P. Mazerakis, 4ft 6in; C. Chinner, 4ft 9in; R. S. Northcote, 5ft 3in; C. H. Stephens, H. Hauenstein, 5ft 6in; W. Wiseman, 7ft; A. Wood, 7ft 6in.

120yds Hurdles Handicap.—R. A. Adams, owes 12yds; A. Hedger, 11; A. R. Buckland, 8; R. S. Northcote, 7; W. D. Brown, 6; T. M. Malone, jun., 4; J. W. Davis, 2; H. E. Gorrell, W. H. Wiseman, scr. R. Coombs, hon. handicapper.

The specials are:—Starter, W. B. Alexander. Judges: Running—A. J. C. Summons, S. R. Rowley, W. S. Rowley, R. R. Frayeh. Walking, field games, etc.—R. Coombs. C. C. Jones, J. Wallace, T. K. Malone. Referee, E. Cochrane. Clerks of course, C. H. Peters, A. Smith. Masters of track: W. Jones, L. Joberns. Timekeepers: W. T. Kerr, H. A. Westhoff, T. C. Roberts, A. Belding. Number and roll-call steward, W. H. Wiseman. Stewards: R. Kay, R. S. Northcote, C. Christian.

Competitors' admission tickets and official badges will be issued by Mr. W. H. Wiseman, at the Sports Club, on Saturday night next, at 8 o'clock.

SAILING.

ST. GEORGE CLUB.

GENERAL HANDICAP.

Australian (F. Delaney), 64m	1
Vanduara (W. Holmes), 1m	2
Beulah (W. Kennedy), 15m	3

The respective finishing times of the placed boats were 5h 31m 8s, 5h 32m 30s, 5h 32m 39s. The other starters were: Ettie (G. Trinder), scr; Tom Bowling (S. Hill), and My Polly (L. Egan), 2m. Effie and Tom Bowling did not finish.

CRICKET.

The following will represent the Western Suburbs Churches' Union (combined "A" grade) v Petersham Veterans, on Christmas afternoon, on Petersham Oval, at 2.30 p.m.:—R. Wyatt, W. R. Grant, R. H. Bethir (St. Clement's), H. Quartley (St. Stephen's), R. S. Glover (Dulwich Hill Congregational), A. Munnery, L. B. Gordon (Dulwich Hill Holy Trinity), A. Wylie, C. T. Rose, E. P. Barrie (Marrickville Congregational), N. Keating (St. Peter's), D. Marr (Lewisham Methodist). Emergencies: J. Norton (D. Hill Holy Trinity), Bateman; and W. Brogden (St. Clement's), bowler.

The following will represent the Western Suburbs Churches' Union (combined "A" grade) v North Richmond, on Boxing Day, at Richmond Park:—R. W. Grant, N. Grant, W. Brogden (St. Clement's), R. S. Glover (D. H. Congregational), H. Quartley, W. Atterton (St. Stephen's), A. Wylie, E. P. Barrie (Marrickville Congregational), D. Marr (Lewisham Methodist), A. Munnery, J. Norton (Dulwich Hill Holy Trinity). Emergencies: H. Pye, Marrickville Presbyterian); batsman; and C. T. Rose (Marrickville Congregational), bowler.

Cumberland Juniors (119) defeated St. Patrick's A (93) by 26 runs. For Juniors A. Callahan, 55, played best, and for St. Patrick's E. Leahy, 54, and J. Callanan, 26.

N.S.W. DRUIDS' CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

The New South Wales Druids' Cricket Association will be represented by the following members during the approaching interstate tour:—

Metropolitan District.—Bros. L. W. Alexander, J. F. Doyle, J. E. Hodgkinson (Consueror); E. A. Taylor (Rose of Australia); F. Fry (Fry); H. Solomon (Pioneer); P. Mocker (Rose of Annandale).

Northern District.—J. Henery, E. Gallagher, W. Edgar, R. Taylor, W. Tinsley (Hand and Heart), F. Wooden (Carrington).

Western.—Bros. W. J. Adkins (Mistletoe) has been unanimously appointed as manager, and Bros. J. H. Shaen (Hand and Heart) and W. P. Shark (Pioneer) will render service as umpire and scorer respectively.

The team will leave by Melbourne express on 28th inst, and in addition to meeting the representatives of Victoria and South Australia, matches have been arranged at Albury and Seymour, en route.

INTER-ASSOCIATION MATCHES.

MARTIN SHIELD COMPETITION.

The second round in connection with the above competition will be played on Boxing Day, as follows:—St. George C.A. v Moore Park C.A., at Rockdale Oval; Northern Suburbs C.A. v Balmain and District C.A., on Birchgrove Oval; Centennial Park C.A. a bye.

INTERSTATE SCHOOLS' COMPETITION.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The third of a series of games between the various Public schools of Melbourne, Adelaide, and Sydney, was begun to-day, when St. Peter's College boys met the Melbourne Grammar School. The latter made 208, C. Buckley being the highest with 83. The Adelaide boys have lost three wickets for 116.

AQUATICS.

MOSMAN BAY REGATTA.

The first regatta at Mosman Bay was held on Saturday under genial weather conditions, and with success that should prove very gratifying to those responsible for the arrangements. The bay is an ideal spot for aquatic sports. Near the head of the bay the water presented an animated appearance, every kind of craft being in evidence. Moored off Curraghbeena Point, the Bunya Bunya acted as flagship, and was gaily decorated, while the Government launch Eva carried the officials and the press. A steam tender carried aquatic enthusiasts to the flagship, which was well patronised. A band varied the proceedings with a capital selection of music, and the visitors were regaled with refreshments.

The day's officials were:—Committee: Messrs. P. Lethy (Mayor of Mosman), K. D. Bell, J. Cowell, J. Flaherty, E. T. Dun, R. Loust, S. Miller, R. C. Outley, T. G. Wilson. Sailing officials: Messrs. R. C. Oakley and F. H. Wilson, with Mr. H. Bower as umpire. Rowing: Starter, Mr. Grenfell; M'Gregor and Mr. H. J. M'Donald; judge, Mr. R. Loust; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. C. M'Causland; hon. secretary, Mr. Leslie Graham.

The following were the results:—

SAILING E

BIRTHS.

ALDERDICE.—December 17, at Beaconsfield-street, Mosman, to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Alderdice—a daughter.

BARRISON.—December 22, at her residence, 32 Norton-street, Leichhardt, the wife of F. J. Harrison, of a son. Both doing well.

MORT.—December 8, at Armidale, wife of Arthur Mort, Franklyn Vale, Queensland, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

SHORTUS—PREDDY.—November 30, 1907, at St. John's Church, Ashfield, by Rev. A. Yarnold, Marcus Shortus, youngest son of William Shortus, of Lancashire, England, and late of Summer Hill, to Ethel Beatrice, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Preddy, Monbulk, Church-street, Ashfield. At home January 8, 9, and 10. Kanimbla, William-street, Chatswood (Roseville station).

SWORDS—KILBURN.—November 28, at Gulgong, by Rev. Father O'Donnell, Herbert Swords to Elsie Lilian Kilburn.

WOLSTENHOLME—KITE.—November 28, at Holy Trinity Church, Kelso, by the Venerable Archdeacon Oakes, Edmund Ray, son of Mrs. Francis Anderson, Bayview, Pittwater, to Ethel Nina, daughter of the late William Kite, of Woolstone, Kelso.

RUBY WEDDING.

TINTON—SPILLING.—December 24, 1907, at St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington, London, by the Rev. William Dickerwald, Thomas Tinton, of Devon, England, to Laura Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Mr. P. H. Spilling, Long Melford, Suffolk, and granddaughter of the late Joseph Henry Pitch, R.N. Present address, Ashfield. Home papers please copy.

DEATHS.

BENNETT.—December 23, 1907, at her residence, 60 Watkin-street, Newtown, Emma Frances, the dearly loved wife of James Bennett, in her 55th year.

CHOUNDING.—December 22, at his residence, 56 Lower Fort-street, Sydney, John Joseph Chounding, in his 61st year. By request, no flowers. (Service funeral announcement.)

COSGROVE.—December 22, at her residence, 118 George-street West, Sarah, relict of the late Thomas Cosgrove, late of Camperdown, in her 76th year. R.I.P. By request, no flowers.

GASCOIGNE.—December 23, at his residence, Pacific View, 50 Read-street, Waverley, Ambrose Gascoigne, aged 41 years.

HARRY.—December 23, at his residence, Newlyn House, Macpherson street, Waverley, James Harry, monumental mason, native of Truro, Cornwall, England, aged 59 years, a resident of Waverley for 30 years, dearly beloved husband of Emily Harry. Deeply regretted. Cornwall and Yorkshire papers please copy.

JONES.—December 21, 1907, Henry Glanfield, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones, Spencer-road, Wonnan.

MACDONALD.—December 8, at Thorndon, Wellington, N.Z., Aloysius, only son of the late Archibald MacDonald, of Mount St. Marys, Kyneton, aged 61. R.I.P.

McMASTER, J. E. R.—December 13, 1907, at Crona, Woollahra Point, aged 28 years.

STRETTON.—December 21, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Philip A. Stretton, late of 76 Mary-street, Surry Hills. Deeply regretted.

TIPPING.—December 21, at her late residence, Notley, O'Connor-street, Haberfield, Annie Butler, dearly beloved wife of A. T. Tipping, and daughter of the late W. Fulton, Penrith, aged 31 years.

VOSS.—Friday, December 20, at Craigend House, Darlinghurst, Emma, wife of H. H. Voss.

WALSHE.—December 23, 1907, at her residence, Binnaburra, Belmore-road, Croydon, the dearly beloved wife of Frank Walshe, aged 40 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

CAMPBELL.—In sad but affectionate memory of my dearly beloved wife, who departed this life December 24, 1906. Inserted by her sorrowing husband, William Campbell.
Not dead to me—I loved her dear—
Not lost, but gone before.
She lives with me in memory still,
And will for evermore.

CAMPBELL.—In sad but loving memory of our dear mother, who passed away on December 24, 1906. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. Chudleigh.
None knew how hard the parting,
None knew the pain it cost,
But God and His blessed angels
Have gained what we have lost.

CAMPBELL.—In loving memory of my dear mother, who died December 24, 1906. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Foxby.
Though forgotten by someone you may be,
You will always be remembered by me.

CHUDLEY.—In memory of Mr. G. Chidgey, who departed on the 24th December, 1890. Inserted by T. S. C.

EWING.—In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, Eleanor Ewing, who departed this life December 24, 1906, at Gunnedah. Inserted by her loving husband, J. P. Ewing, and family. A faithful wife and loving mother.

OWEN.—In fond and loving memory of our dear mother, N. H. Owen, who passed away at her residence at Termeil, near Milton, December 24th, 1906. Inserted by her sorrowing children, David, Dinah, Agnes, and Bernice. At rest.

RICHARDS.—In memory of our departed comrade, Trooper Merton Smith (Dot) Richards, who passed away December 24, 1906, aged 23. Inserted by his comrades of No. 9 Canterbury Half-Squadron Mounted Rifles, 2nd Australian Light Horse. Gone, but not forgotten.

RITSON.—In sad and loving memory of my dear wife and our dear mother, Mary Agnes Ritson, who departed this life December 24, —. Lord have mercy on her soul. Inserted by her loving husband and children.

SMART.—In loving memory of my darling mother, who departed this life December 23rd, 1905. Inserted by her loving daughter, Rode Smart. Peace, perfect peace.

SMITH.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband, John Smith, who departed this life December 24, 1906. Inserted by his loving wife, Mary, and sister-in-law, Daisy Burton.

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THE "HERALD" EVENING EDITION.

The Evening Edition of the "Herald" will not be published on Christmas Day. The morning edition will be sent to the country on that day.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1907.

THE RAILWAY PROBLEM.

The railway problem is one that must be attacked by both Commonwealth and State. In New South Wales we are concerned to push closer settlement by every legitimate means, and our railways are being extended to meet a definite need. This applies specially to the North Coast railway, and to the shorter lines passed at the close of the last session of Parliament. With the powers conferred by the new Closer Settlement Act, it should not be difficult to open up a considerable extent of country; and the Government will, no doubt, see that the steady attraction which is drawing farmers in from all quarters is continued, and rendered more powerful as the means of communication with desirable districts are perfected. The problem is simplified with such an objective. State ownership of railways, State control of Crown lands, and the power of compulsory resumption represent factors which are all-powerful; and a progressive works policy is the line of least resistance. But a correspondent, in yesterday's paper, who signs himself "Vedette," gives another point of view. He would have the State Government take the broad outlook and think continentally. He says: "A Minister for Works might be a statesman as well as a departmental chief, and then he would perceive the force of applying the principle of insurance to national affairs." This is apropos to the need for a new railway link "whether between Carlingford and Singleton, or Mudgee and Muswellbrook, or Kelhorn and Werris Creek." The fear is lest a small raiding force in the Hunter River valley may "possess itself of a singularly rich and well-equipped coaling base, and with supreme ease and certainty cut off all Australia north of the Hawkesbury from the assistance and co-operation of the great centres of population and activity lying south and west of that vulnerable link in the defensive chain."

Such a presentation of the case is really the statement of a new problem. It becomes a question at once for the Commonwealth, yet it is a matter in which the mother State is the principal. The State, indeed, is the controlling factor; and the whole of Eastern Australia may in a crisis be saved from attack as we decide to push our lines as much with regard to defence as to the immediate needs of closer settlement. But this means, if it means anything, that there must be co-operation between the States and the Commonwealth. Sir John Forrest realises this in the matter of the transcontinental line to Western Australia. He is delighted at the assent of the South Australian Parliament to the survey of the proposed Trans-Australian railway. He suggests that the Western Australian Railway Department shall carry out the survey within its territory for 450 miles, that the South Australian department should be responsible for the 550 miles inside its boundaries, and that an eminent New South Wales engineer should give general directions and report to Parliament as to the route to be followed, the estimated cost, and so forth. Sir John seems to see daylight at last, and no doubt his suggestions will be allowed due weight. But our point is that sooner or later we must begin to construct our railways with the Commonwealth in view. The transcontinental line must come as part of the bargain with Western Australia; but the terminals of half a dozen trunk lines in the eastern half of the continent must also be linked up. When the bargain between the Deakin Government and South Australia over the Northern Territory was first revealed this at once became a crucial question. It was not, however, a side of the great general problem which commanded the attention or sympathy of Federal Ministers.

TEACHERS IN CONFERENCE.

The fourteenth annual conference of our Public school teachers opened yesterday in circumstances that ought to be encouraging to them. There was a time not so long ago when the association under whose auspices these meetings are held was looked on with suspicion, and officialism was conspicuous by its absence. A much saner view now prevails. Mr. Board has always shown a keen interest in these gatherings, and that of yesterday was opened, in the absence of the Minister, by Mr. Wade. Mr. Wade did not illuminate the problem with which he thus came into temporary contact; but his presence was rightly interpreted as an official recognition of the importance of the annual exchange of opinion which is made possible by these meetings. The outstanding feature of the opening session was the very manly address by Mr. Board, in which he defended his classification scheme, and the redistribution of salaries that goes along with it. In this matter we have realised and sympathised with his difficulties, and yesterday he put forward a very powerful plea for the scheme he has adopted. When the proposal for distributing the £60,000 increase was announced, and we had noted that the bulk of that amount had been distributed among the lower grade salaries, we did not feel called on to labour an argument against the allocation of portion of the sum which Mr. Board had assigned to the higher ranks. It was obvious that if the lower grades were levelled up in salary there would be an intermediate class of persons who would be worse paid in proportion than they had been before. We can give Mr. Board the credit of wishing to avoid this dilemma by an all-round reclassification to which the increase in salary was only incidental. But the fact remains that this sum was voted for a specific purpose, and that it has not in entirety been devoted to that purpose.

We suppose that point must be waived. For the rest there does not seem much in the sporadic discontent shown by certain classes of teachers, for the scheme and its general principles appear sound enough. One of these is that improved salary is the corollary to improved qualification, with the proviso, however, that some consideration should be shown to long service. Another is that any inefficient element that may exist will not be suffered to be a bar to the progress of young ability. As to the term for which a teacher must stay in each grade before he can rise to a higher position it seems a little long; but there is point in Mr. Board's remark that he must prevent anything like a "boom" in salaries, which would inevitably be followed by a collapse; and he is right to bear in mind that education reform must not be allowed to grow up into a financial ogre. It is sound policy again for the department to set up for itself the ideal of eliminating as far as possible teachers of the lowest grades, and increasing the proportion of those who have received thorough preparation in a training college. As its author says, the scheme of re-classification is built for to-morrow as well as to-day, and we hope it will be found to work well. This is a matter, of course, which mainly concerns the teachers and their administrators, and if we can judge by the reception of Mr. Board's address the parties are quite as satisfied as we can have any reason to expect. A man in Mr. Board's position must be just; but at the same time he has need of a great deal of firmness, and we are glad to see that the present Director of Education is not lacking in this quality. Among other matters consideration is worth giving to the suggestions of the retiring president of the association for the holding of an interstate conference on education. Even if they do no more than help to keep alive interest in education problems, such conferences are well worth while, and we are apt at present to suffer from isolation of effort.

ANOTHER STATE PROTEST.

Mr. Deakin was given a taste of Mr. Wade's quality in the correspondence over the Federal capital site. He has found the State Premier just as uncompromising in the matter of the printing of postage stamps for the Commonwealth. As will be seen from the interview with Mr. Wade, which we publish elsewhere in this issue, it has apparently been decided by Sir William Lyne that a uniform issue of stamps for Australia is to be printed in Melbourne. There would be nothing to object to in this if Melbourne were the Federal capital, or if the necessary plant already existed there. But as a matter of fact the plant is in existence in Sydney, and nowhere else in Australia, and it will cost £30,000 at least to install the requisite machinery in Melbourne. The question of Melbourne's Federal capital rights does not need to be discussed. It is true, no doubt, that about £2000 will be required to complete the plant of this State, or to supplement it so that the entire Commonwealth stamp issue may be printed here. Mr. Wade only emphasises the point, however, when he shows what the effect of Sir William Lyne's determination is likely to be. First, an expensive plant paid for by New South Wales, and in good running order, will be rendered useless. Second, a large number of men will be thrown out of employment. This, from the point of view of the Federal Government, is no doubt quite a secondary matter. Had a number of Melbourne employees been threatened, it would have become of primary importance, as the manœuvrings over the tariff have shown. Third, the cost to the Commonwealth taxpayer of printing the stamps in Melbourne will be increased; and, fourth, the work will be transferred from an expert trained with our special plant to someone who could not be better, and who probably will be less, qualified. Such is the succinct summing up of a bad business, as Mr. Wade has embodied it in a letter to each State Premier in the Commonwealth.

There is, we admit, nothing inconsistent in the proposal of the Federal Government under this head. We have become accustomed to the tactics of a Labour-controlled, Victoria-ridden Ministry; and although men like Mr. Hughes and Mr. Wilks are supposed to represent our interests, they so constantly ignored their responsibilities during the tariff struggle in the House of Representatives that there can be nothing astonishing in their readiness to allow Mr. Deakin and Sir William Lyne to play another of their tricks upon us. It is all of a piece. This State has not even been allowed official representation on the board which has reported that a uniform issue of stamps is desirable, and that the printing should be done from one office. The argument that the matter does not concern the State, but the Commonwealth, would be valid were the facts otherwise fairly considered. In a discussion of so much importance one would have thought that the existence of our State expert would be recognised by the Federal Government; but it appears as if the Government Printing Office of New South Wales was held to be a negligible quantity. Perhaps it was felt that the facts if officially presented to the board—embodied in our responsible officer—could not be ignored. As things are they do not exist. But, at any rate, Mr. Wade has once more spoken very plainly to Mr. Deakin, and the latter will soon know that the State is practically united behind the Premier.

A CANDID FRIEND.

It is fairly safe to assume that the Labour party in Australia will not feel overgrateful to Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P., the secretary of the Labour party in the British House of Commons, for the way that brother in the faith talks to and of it from time to time. Mr. MacDonald was recently the much-tended guest of the party in Australia. Having heard so much of this Labour Canaan he wished to take a run through its political gardens, and having gathered of the ripe fruits he was prepared to find dangling from the trees of Experiment to take them triumphantly back to his country, and there produce them in convincing adornment of his traveller's tale. But apparently Mr. MacDonald either did not find the trees in bearing, or else he found their fruit was sour, for since his return to England he has been somewhat at pains to manifest his want of appreciation for the good things that were set in his way. While here, and after he left here, he spoke very acridly of the policy of protection and preference, for which a big section of the Labour party, headed by its then leader, Mr. Watson, was strenuously working. Most unkind of all, however, are the remarks attributed to him in the cable news of yesterday. Interviewed by the "Morning Post," he is reported to have stated that the "failure of the Australian Labour party in connection with compulsory arbitration and wages boards would compel it gradually to drop those aims, and concentrate its attention on land nationalisation and national ownership or control of the great industries like iron production and agricultural implement making." He does not specifically mention the "new" protection, but it probably is still too new to have come significantly under his notice. However, his utterance as it stands must be, to the ears of the Australian Labour party, disconcerting enough. In effect, it amounts to this, that all the party's most cherished achievements in the way of "advanced" legislation up to date have been purposeless as aids to the millennium—that, in short, they have been so much Dead Sea fruit. If an enemy had said this thing the party might have passed it by as the kind of criticism which it is reasonable to expect from an enemy; but when it comes from a man who has been privileged with a peep at all the inner wonders, and a leader in Israel to boot, the party here might well exclaim that it has been wounded in the house of its friends.

But, notwithstanding disillusionment thus far, Mr. MacDonald apparently still hopes for complete salvation in the realisation of the party's "objective," which is the nationalisation of land and industry. Whether, however, the party here will, as the British Labour Parliamentarian predicts, now concentrate its attention on its objective, to the exclusion of all half-way measures, is open to question. Certainly at election times there seems a growing disposition not to over-emphasise the objective. Were it otherwise, how comes it that Mr. Keir Hardie, the leader of the British Labour party, who boldly declares that "the Labour movement is socialism," is not being invited to raise a helping voice in the Queensland elections, instead of being allowed to pass on to New Zealand without ever having seen the State in which militant political Labourism had its origin? The party has learnt by experience that it is more politic for the present, at least, to keep its ultimate aim in the infinite azure of the future. Nevertheless it is there, and it represents very really to thousands the Promised Land. Yet each further stage towards it may be as disillusioning to the secretary of the British Labour party as have been the various stages so far wearisomely trudged. Not a dozen years ago an Arbitration Court on the model of the Court which is at this day spurned by some of the most powerful labour organisations, would have been hailed as an almost omnipotent instrument of industrial regeneration. The sentiment behind the Arbitration Court is doubtless fine, but the obstacle to its expression is the variableness of the individual. And this is precisely the obstacle which will obtrude its embarrassing presence at every stage of the struggling journey towards that socialism which is the tantalising mirage of humane minds.

THE DANYSZ MICROBE.

If any weight whatever attaches to the resolutions which are being passed by Pastures Protection Boards all over the country, urging a thorough test of the Danysz microbe on the main land, there would seem to be something like unanimity of opinion that this should be done. It is natural, of course, that when experiments have been carried out over a considerable time at great expense, and when incidentally very high hopes of coping with the rabbit have been raised, there should be this wish to bring the matter to finality one way or the other. We see no reason to change the view we have already expressed that, on scientific grounds, the experiment is likely to be a failure. But the question of trying the experiment is independent of that. Briefly we think it might very well be tried, provided some discretion was used in the choice of districts, and provided that the distribution of the microbe was supervised by a competent bacteriologist. There are circumstances in which any pathogenic microbe is an objectionable acquaintance. For this reason we think it would be very undesirable to permit the promiscuous distribution of cultures. But on the other hand there need not be any strong sentimental objection to the introduction of this microbe, simply because it is associated with a disease presumed to be fatal to rabbits. We have plenty of malignant microbes unknown to fame, and we do not think this one would make a very serious difference in the position.

Sir William Lyne, we notice, is in the throes of consultation with Dr. Tidswell; but ability to think out a rather intricate scientific problem does not seem to be one of his strong points. He seizes with quite pathetic eagerness on a chance remark of the specialist, to the effect that the microbe is probably free in our midst already. If Sir William Lyne knew anything about bacteriology he would be surprised only if this particular microbe were absent. The distribution of these organisms is so widespread that probably none of them can be said to have a localised habitat. If all that Sir William Lyne wants before he gives the word to proceed is an Australian-born microbe of the Danysz brand, there will probably be no difficulty in satisfying him. We do not think, however, that this really affects the question of safety at all. The microbe may occur native and sporadically; and under those conditions be perfectly harmless. We may liberate it in so to speak a violent and concentrated form, and its effects may be quite otherwise. If it has been here all the time, it has probably already had its chance of a crusade against the rabbit—and failed. For, though normally its occurrence would be sporadic, the conditions for virulent breeding would be pretty sure to have been met with somewhere. But this is not the question now at issue. We think it would do if Dr. Tidswell finds the microbe and satisfies Sir William Lyne. As to Mr. Deakin's suggestions they savour too much of further delay, and the sooner we get the Danysz microbe out of our heads the better, in all probability, will it be for really effective methods against the rabbit.

The "Sydney Mail."—Because of the holiday, the "Sydney Mail" is this week published a day earlier than usual. It is an exceedingly attractive number. A coloured cover by Mr. Fred. Leist shows a mounted drover, with dog at heel, bringing along a flock of sheep. There are no fewer than 20 pages of pictures in this special issue, which must appeal to all classes of readers. The pictorial budget is opened by a fine photographic study of a swagman. Then there are two pages descriptive of a visit to an English estate, by "Moira," who has much of interest to say about red and roan milking shorthorns. Following is a page of capital snapshots taken on board the Nimrod, which is about to sail from Lyttelton on an expedition to the South Pole. The Mount Cooper Estate, in Southern Monaro, is illustrated and described. A number of fine photographs depict the scenic beauties of the northern and southern portions of this State, and the great Burragorang Valley is the subject of many beautiful views. The edge of the great Victoria Desert is the title of a freely-illustrated account of Laverton, the farthest inland town of Western Australia. The destruction by fire of the New Zealand Parliamentary buildings forms the subject of four interesting pictures. A couple of pages are devoted to illustrations of agricultural and grazing country in Southern and Central Queensland. The Mullumbimby show and the opening of the Gundagai Butter Factory are dealt with pictorially. Portraits include those of Mrs. Plumley and Mrs. Goldie, workers in the Prisoners' Aid Movement. The double page contains a lovely view of Sydney harbour, with the Botanic Gardens in the foreground. Among other striking pictures are a full-page regatta scene at Sydney, and a typical bush scene on the North Coast. While this number—with which, by the way, a calendar for 1908 is given away—has four extra illustrated pages, the literary features of the "Mail" are of the usual high standard.

Parliament Prorogued.—At a meeting of the Executive Council yesterday, the issue of a proclamation proroguing the State Parliament to February 4 was approved, and a special "Gazette" containing the notification was issued during the afternoon.

A Local Navy.—Mr. W. E. Johnson, M.P., at Rockdale on Friday evening advocated a double-barrelled policy which some Federal legislators have hitherto appeared to regard as involving an inconsistency. He laid it down that the existing naval agreement must be continued, but that at the same time Australia should build a navy of its own. He said that the general body of the electors would be against Mr. Deakin and his party terminating the present naval agreement. The British navy was Australia's first line of defence. If it were not for the protection of the British navy our schemes for defence would be of little avail. He hoped at no distant date, however, to see the warships of Great Britain withdrawn from Australian shores, and a local navy substituted for it, but it would be a long time before Australia would have sufficient population to do this. Instead of putting an end to the naval agreement, what they might fairly do would be to supplement the assistance they received from England by the building of torpedo boats and submarines, as an auxiliary to the British fleet. The locally-built boats should in time of war, Mr. Johnson concluded, be under the direction of the British naval authorities.

Teachers' Increases.—Before the Legislative Assembly went into recess several members were anxious to learn if the arrears of increases to Public school teachers, under the scheme recently adopted, would be available without delay. The Minister for Public Instruction, replying to questions, said that as soon as the Appropriation Act was passed, the money would be available, and the payments, he added, would be a real welcome Christmas box to members of one of the most deserving branches of the Public Service. Some surprise was therefore occasioned yesterday amongst the large number of teachers now in Sydney by the appearance of a notice at the offices of the Public Instruction Department, to the effect that the arrears would not be paid till 1908. The Under-Secretary, Mr. Board, explained that the delay had been occasioned by the work entailed in getting out over 5000 vouchers. He anticipated that these would all be returned in a few days, and the overdue arrears would be paid during next week.

Shops and the Holidays.—The arrangements under the Early Closing Act are rather complicated, but shopkeepers will have no difficulty in complying with the requirements of the law if they follow the schedule announced some days ago. Briefly, the position of "non-schedule" shops in the metropolitan area is as follows:—Provided the Christmas and New Year holidays are observed as whole holidays, these shops may remain open till 10 o'clock on the nights of Tuesday, December 24 (to-night), and December 31 (New Year's Eve). Shops which usually close at 1 p.m. on Saturday may remain open till 10 p.m. on the nights of Friday, December 27, and January 3, and until 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 28, and Saturday, January 4.

To Prevent Harbour Pollution.—Alderman Lawrence moved a resolution at the City Council last night, affirming the desirability in the interests of the public health that sanitary arrangements on steamers and boats when at the wharfs should be properly sealed, and that representations be made to the Harbour Trust accordingly. He said it sometimes happened that sewage was pumped into the well of the Fish Market, and that fish were washed with the polluted water. This was strongly denied. Alderman A. Kelly said he had drawn attention to the subject in Parliament, and the Harbour Trust intended to introduce a resolution to deal with the matter. Alderman T. H. Kelly did not think it was a matter in which the council should interfere, but was one for the Harbour Trust to deal with. The Lord Mayor said the evidence of the Inspector of Fisheries, a disinterested person, was that the salt water supply at the Woolloomooloo Fish Markets for washing the fish was not only clean and ample, but that there was no possibility of pollution, so that Alderman Lawrence's statement was not correct. However, he saw no harm in passing the resolution; on the contrary, it might do good, because other parts of the harbour were not as clean as Woolloomooloo Bay. The resolution was carried on the voices.

"Most Unpopular Institution."—What is the most unpopular institution in Australia? This is a question which Mr. W. E. Johnson settled at Rockdale last week. It was not gambling, drink, or any institution suggestive of low morality. He declared that the "Federal Parliament was the most unpopular institution in the land," and it required some courage to respond to its toast. People had to complain of the interference with their business—an interference to which they had not been subjected for many years, if ever before. They had just cause for complaint at the attempts to saddle them with the burdens of unnecessary taxation. A redeeming feature was that they had in the Federal House, especially among new members, a sufficient number of level-headed men, irrespective of their fiscal views, who were not prepared to follow Sir William Lyne to the great lengths he was prepared to go with the tariff. By the aid of some of those gentlement, and with the hard work that had fallen upon other members, they had been able to lessen these burdens; but he realised how hard the tariff must press upon some people. New South Wales had for a long time lived in a free-trade atmosphere, and then they suddenly found themselves burdened with tariff legislation, which Victoria had suffered so much under. He believed that the condition of Victoria was never better than since she had got rid of that tariff. It had been proved by statistics that her languishing or dead industries had been revived. The Victorian people had been reared in an atmosphere of State help. They leant upon the State for everything they wanted. It would take a long time to work these feelings out of the people. It would take a long time, too, to made federation work smoothly. Members had met in Melbourne for such a long time that there had been a disposition to regard Victoria as the federal centre, and the Victorians looked on Melbourne as the capital site. Federal legislation would, therefore, be coloured by Victorian sentiment, but he was hopeful that they would get the capital site question settled, and the sooner they got away from Melbourne the sooner their legislation would be less Victorian and more Australian.

Hyde Park Kiosk.—The kiosk in Hyde Park was adversely criticised at a meeting of the City Council last night, on a recommendation from the health and bylaws committee that £300 be spent in enclosing the whole of the verandah with glazed tiles, £6 in fixing folding gates at the top of the steps, and £3 in providing a frame for garbage tins. It was generally admitted that the kiosk was in the wrong place, and Alderman Barlow added that the whole thing was a bungle from beginning to end. A discussion took place, and the matter was referred back to allow of the whole of the members of the health committee visiting and inspecting the building, and bringing up a further report. The kiosk, it may be added, has already entailed an expenditure of £1350, which several of the aldermen said was money wasted.

A Christmas Box for the Treasury.—The amount of duty paid in respect of probates and letters of administration for the week ended on Saturday last was £8105 9s 3d. Of this amount the estate of Peter H. Wood, late of Yarranng, near Bega, valued for the purposes of probate at £36,070, paid £2280 12s 6d. The estate of John Grant, late of Prospect Villa, near Canowindra, which was valued for purposes of probate at £59,585, contributed £4671 0s 8d.

Legal Costs for Resumptions.—At the City Council last night Alderman Taylor asked what amount had been disbursed in legal expenditure and incidental expenses in connection with resumptions, and paid to or on account of the city solicitor since the first resumption took place on March 28, 1906. The Lord Mayor, in reply, said the legal expenditure, etc, in connection with Athlone-place, Wexford-street, Cathedral-lane, and Campbell-street extension resumptions was:—1906: Salaries and wages, £568 19s 10d; searching and engrossing fees £175 17s 2d; stamp duties, counsels' and petty fees, £70 3s 8d; office rent, £51 4s 10d; allowance to city solicitor, £300. 1907: January 1, salaries and wages, £785 16s; to searching and engrossing fees, £143 18s 8d; November 30, stamp duties, counsel and petty fees, £151 17s 3d; office rent, £75 7s. Total, £2322 3s 5d.

An After Dinner Speech.—On Friday night, Alderman Taylor (Mayor of Rockdale) tendered a dinner to the aldermen and officers of the council in the local Town Hall. He stated that he wanted a pleasant Christmas gathering. No long speeches were to be delivered, and in order to bring about this desirable result, he called, without notice, on those who had been selected to propose the toasts, so as to compel them to deliver impromptu speeches. This idea worked well. Mr. W. E. Johnson, M.P., and others spoke with commendable brevity. Mr. R. A. Price, M.L.A., however, did not dissociate himself from the politician's privilege, and in a long speech told of the wrongs that had been done to New South Wales on the Federal capital site, through the initial blunder of Mr. G. H. Reid in agreeing to allow the capital to be in Melbourne. He showed how the question could have been settled. Defence matters were touched on, and many improvements outlined. Mr. Price's remarks were not treated with the solemnity such weighty questions demand. After he had been talking for a while someone dropped a bottle with unnecessary noise. It had not the desired effect. It was dropped again. Further failure was met with. The audience then settled down, and with folded arms and attitudes showing complete resignation listened, or pretended to listen. When Mr. Price said the stereotyped "and now in conclusion," the applause was loud and prolonged. It was a false alarm. He spoke on for some time, and when he did ultimately stop the diners were so astonished that their gratitude was not so violently acclaimed as might have been expected.

A Mercantile Case.—An action which was interesting to mercantile men and owners of vessels was concluded yesterday in the Banco Court, before the Chief Justice and a jury of four. Henry Markwald, merchant, sued William P. Putt, master of the steamer Ardgowan, to recover compensation for the loss of 300 drums of calcium carbide, which the defendant had thrown overboard on the voyage, as he considered the chemical a danger to the crew and vessel. The main question was whether the defendant had acted reasonably under the circumstances, and the Chief Justice in summing up, told the jury that a captain's first responsibility was the safety of his crew and ship, but if they thought he was not justified in taking the course he did plaintiff was entitled to recover. The result was in favour of the plaintiff, who obtained a verdict for £249 15s 6d.

Royal Sanitary Institute.—The yearly examination for certificates of inspectors of nuisances was held by the local board of examiners of the Royal Sanitary Institute of London, at the Macleay Museum, University of Sydney, on December 20 and 21. Seventeen candidates presented themselves, of whom eight passed, and a recommendation will be sent from the local board of examiners to the council of the Royal Sanitary Institute that certificates be issued to the following:—G. A. Chandler, A. L. Cohen, A. Cook, T. A. W. Curry, E. H. Dowling, M. R. Jurd, J. Mack, and A. Reay.

Electric Motor Drivers' Examination.—The board of examiners of engine-drivers appointed under the Mines Inspection Act, 1901, have submitted to the Minister for Mines and Agriculture (Mr. Perry) their report on the examination for certificates of competency as electric motor drivers held at Broken Hill recently. Twenty candidates attended, of whom seven passed and 13 failed. Following is a list of the passes:—V. C. Cox, R. L. Horne, A. McCalman, F. J. Ralph, E. J. Smith, H. C. Ster, W. J. Thomas.

Drinking Fountains.—The City Council last night adopted a recommendation of the committee that drinking fountains be erected in the following positions, at an estimated cost of £120, such cost to be provided in next year's estimates:—George and Druitt streets, near Town Hall; Martin-place; Circular Quay, at the bottom of Pitt-street; Dalgety-road and Argyle-street; Market-street and Sussex-street; Liverpool-street and Sussex-street; Engine-street and Ultimo-street.

The English Mails.—The mails for the eastern States per the Oruba left Adelaide by the express on Monday afternoon.

Departure of the Runic.—The White Star liner Runic will leave Dalgety's Wharf, Miller's Point, at noon to-day, for South Africa and London, via Melbourne and Albany. A large number of passengers have been booked, and the cargo comprises large shipments of wool, copra, oil, tallow, hides, copper, grain, meats, and rabbits. The Runic will leave Melbourne at daylight on New Year's Day.

Mosman's Bay is to be illuminated to-night, and Christmas carols are to be sung by a choir of one hundred voices, on a large barge. It is expected that some hundreds of people will attend in illuminated motor and rowing boats. Special steamers will leave the wharf, at the head of Mosman's Bay, as advertised.

PERSONAL.

Major-General Sir Edward T. H. Hutton, K.C.M.G., C.B., has been promoted to the rank of L

POWER OF SOCIALISM.

TRADE-UNION PARTY ABSORBED.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Mr. P. Snowden, M.P. (Labour), speaking at Almondbury, said that the Labour party, whose motive power was socialism, is the greatest power in Great Britain. Already one million organised workers subscribe to its funds, and within two months there would be another half million affiliated. Also, by that time, the whole trade union movement would be affiliated with the National Labour party.

WHY THE PEERS SURVIVE.

BARRIER TO SOCIALISM.

Dr. T. J. Macnamara, M.P. (Radical), in a letter, describes the House of Lords' best friend to be the socialists, whose extravagances are causing many otherwise estimable people to thank God that the House of Lords is a barrier against crude feather-head nostrums.

CONGO ANNEXATION.

STRONG OPPOSITION.

RUTHLESS EXPLOITATION OF NATIVES.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Liberals, Socialists, and a section of Roman Catholic deputies are vigorously opposing the annexation of the Congo Free State to Belgium on the terms agreed upon by a conference representing Belgium and the State.

M. Beenaert declares that he will not permit revenues from the Crown domain to be devoted to luxurious objects in Belgium, while the colony's ordinary budget is only balanced by the ruthless exploitation of natives, which Belgium is determined to stop.

DINIZULU'S TRIAL.

SECRET PROCEEDINGS.

IMPARTIAL JUDGES URGED.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The examination of witnesses in the trial of Dinizulu, the paramount Zulu chief, will be held in gaol.

Representatives of the press are to be excluded, but they will be furnished with copies of the evidence.

The "Times of Natal" urges that the tribunal should include a Transvaal Judge and a Cape Judge who could be regarded as impartial.

Dec. 23.

Maboko, a powerful chief, who is married to Dinizulu's sister, has been arrested at Louwsberg on suspicion of disloyalty.

The Natal Government is about to arrest Silwane, who controls nearly 10,000 men, and Muden, recognised as the most powerful chief in Natal, who has been hitherto loyal, but whose attitude has latterly been suspicious.

STRIKES IN AMERICA.

CASH VERSUS CERTIFICATES.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The troops who were sent to Nevada have been withdrawn. The strike originated owing to the resentment of the miners to receiving payments with cashier's certificates instead of in cash.

NITRATE WORKERS' RIOTS.

FIGHT WITH TROOPS.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Nitrate workers at Alianza, in the Iquique district of Chili, have struck work. Owing to severe rioting the troops were summoned, and in the fighting which followed seven rioters were killed and 16 were wounded.

ARMY EFFICIENCY.

INCREASES 100 PER CENT.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Mr. R. B. Haldane, Secretary of State for War, speaking at Edinburgh, stated that the King on Friday gave assent to the biggest army order passed for years.

The special reserve of the Army, Mr. Haldane said, would be completed in August. Then six divisions would be provided in all essentials for a long campaign. When the new army order had done its work the army would have behind its fighting line machinery which his advisers declared added 100 per cent. in efficiency to the fighting unit, while the cost would be slightly less than before.

CHARGE AGAINST CALDWELL.

READS NEWS IN ATLANTIC PAPER.

COMMUNICATED BY WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The news of the issue of the warrant for the arrest of Robert Caldwell, a prominent witness in the Druce case, since arrested at New York, was received by wireless telegraph aboard the steamer Kaiserin Auguste. Caldwell and the other passengers learned the news from the daily paper published on board the vessel.

Caldwell arrived in New York in a state bordering on collapse.

FEEDING POOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

Considering it would be unfair to impose an additional burden upon the general body of ratepayers, Lord Rosebery, Lord Avebury, Lord Rothschild, and Mr. A. J. Balfour support the appeal of the London County Council for subscriptions on behalf of underfed school children.

Towards the sum of £20,000 required £8000 has been raised.

FARTHING BREAKFASTS.

The Salvation Army is providing farthing breakfasts for hungry school children in six London districts.

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PEACE CONFERENCE.

FIVE CENTRAL AMERICAN STATES.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

A Peace Conference, representing five Central American Republics, after sitting a month at Washington, has reconciled all conflicting interests, and has arranged for the neutralisation of Honduras. The conference has also established a high court, to which all five States—Guatemala, Honduras, Salvador, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica—must submit their disputes.

President Roosevelt, of the United States, and President Diaz, of Mexico, in August last addressed telegrams to the President of each of the five Central American Republics mentioned in the cables, urging a conference among these rulers for the purpose of perfecting a joint treaty providing that such differences as may arise between these Republics which cannot be settled by diplomatic negotiations be referred to an arbitral tribunal for adjudication and settlement, and proffering the good offices of the United States in the event that the suggestion should prove welcome. The letter from President Roosevelt was in the following terms:—"Washington, August 28, 1907. It is with great regret that I have received information indicating the imminence of disturbance of the peace of Central America. In view of the untold benefits of peaceful relations among your countries, not only to yourselves but to America and to the world at large, I am led by sentiments of impartial amity to co-operate most earnestly with the President of Mexico in lending friendly influence in the cause of peace and humanity, as has been done before in similar cases. A conference having been suggested between representatives of the Republics of Central America, I cordially tender the good offices of the United States toward bringing about so beneficial a result, and I beg to assure your Excellency of my desire and willingness to contribute toward the attainment of peace, in full concurrence with the President of Mexico. I appeal to your Excellency to aid in the realisation of my friendly purpose by refraining from any action tending to increase the dangers of the situation pending a further resort to the peaceful methods of diplomacy. I am telegraphing in the same sense to the Presidents of the other Central American States."

NEW PERSIAN PREMIER.

THE SHAH'S PROMISES.

STRICTLY CONSTITUTIONAL REGIME.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Nizam-es-Sultaneh, Governor of the Province of Arabistan, has formed a Cabinet in Persia in succession to that of Nasir-el-Mulk.

Reuter's correspondent at Teheran telegraphs that the Shah has solemnly assured the representatives of Great Britain and Russia that he has no intention to abolish the constitutional regime, and that he will strive to work with it.

THE AUSGLEICH.

AGREED TO BY HUNGARY.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The Hungarian Parliament has passed all bills relating to the Ausgleich with Austria, regulating the commercial arrangements between the two States.

POLITICIANS' BLOODLESS DUEL.

Dr. Wekerle, the Premier of Hungary, and M. Polonyi, ex-Minister for Justice, fought a duel at Budapest, owing to a Parliamentary quarrel. After two bloodless bouts the combatants became reconciled.

STRIKES IN AMERICA.

CASH VERSUS CERTIFICATES.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The troops who were sent to Nevada have been withdrawn. The strike originated owing to the resentment of the miners to receiving payments with cashier's certificates instead of in cash.

NITRATE WORKERS' RIOTS.

FIGHT WITH TROOPS.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Nitrate workers at Alianza, in the Iquique district of Chili, have struck work. Owing to severe rioting the troops were summoned, and in the fighting which followed seven rioters were killed and 16 were wounded.

SABBATH RESTRICTIONS.

NEW YORK CAMPAIGN FAILS.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

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George Thompson and Company's (Aberdeen line) new steamer Pericles has been launched at Belfast.

The Pericles is a twin-screw steamer, and was built by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Ltd., Belfast, to the order of Messrs. George Thompson and Co., Ltd., London, for their South African and Australian service. The new vessel is 500ft in length by 62ft in width, and has a tonnage of between 11,000 and 12,000. Consequently she will be one of the largest vessels engaged in the trade. The Pericles has four masts., is a very handsome model, and, with her graceful lines and artistic superstructure, will present a fine appearance when completed. She is built on the cellular double-bottom principle, the double-bottom extending the whole length of the ship. She has five decks, all of steel. She has eight watertight bulkheads subdividing the vessel into nine watertight compartments. The vessel will carry about 100 first-class and 400 third-class passengers. The first-class accommodation will be of a superior kind, and the comfort of the third-class passengers will also be carefully studied. The whole of the first-class accommodation is arranged amidships. The dining saloon is situated on the main deck, and is a very spacious apartment, extending the entire width of the vessel. The first-class staterooms are arranged on the awning and bridge decks. The third-class accommodation is arranged aft on the main deck. A feature of this accommodation is the large number of two and fourth berth rooms, all the accommodation being arranged in enclosed cabins.

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MURDER ON ITALIAN EXPRESS.

THE BODY RIFLED.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

A wealthy Veronese engineer was found dead on the Rome to Ancona express. There were three stabs in the body, which was rifled of title deeds of the value of £14,000.

FEZ BAZAAR SACKED.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Owing to alarmist reports spread by the Ulad-el-Hadj tribe, a mob sacked the grand bazaar at Fez, Morocco, and attacked the French Post Office in the city.

Campers, Picnickers, Visitors to the country should always include in their list Wolfe's Schnapps. It prevents the ill-effects of unwholesome water. Obtainable in large and small bottles. Besides possessing medicinal qualities it is a palatable beverage.—Advt.

GERMAN SCANDALS.

CRIMINAL TRIAL IN CAMERA.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The criminal trial of Maximilian Harden, on a charge of libelling Count Kuno Moltke, formerly Governor of Berlin, is being continued in camera. Efforts to effect a reconciliation failed, it is believed, owing to the German Emperor's insistence that Count Moltke must entirely rehabilitate himself.

In the civil libel action brought by Count Kuno Moltke against Maximilian Harden, a verdict was returned for the defendant. Plaintiff thereupon appealed. The Public Prosecutor of the First Provisional Court of Berlin, however, took over the prosecution, and the Civil Court thereupon ceased from taking further action. Under article 417 of the German Penal Code, the Public Prosecutor has power to take over the prosecution at any stage of the proceedings until the validity of the judgment has been established. Herr Harden is now charged with criminal libel, and Count Kuno Moltke is the principal witness for the prosecution. The "Lokalanzeiger," of Berlin, in an apparently semi-official justification for this unusual step, writes:—"If the Public Prosecutor did not take up the case before, it was in the hope that the entire process would be avoided. Now that the private action, with its painful accompaniments, has taken place, and Count von Moltke has apparently not been afforded sufficient opportunity to justify himself, the Public Prosecutor considers it advisable to have the matter thoroughly cleared up in every direction, and consequently has intervened. There will now be—and on this special stress is to be laid—an entirely new prosecution."

ITALIAN EMIGRATION.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SCHEME.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

Replying to a question, the Italian Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs explained the details of the draft convention with Western Australia with respect to emigration from Italy.

The convention, he said, would be laid before the Chamber of Deputies when finally settled.

SEBASTOPOL MUTINEERS SENTENCED.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Four mutineers of the Brest-Litovak regiment at Sebastopol have been sentenced to death, and nine to penal servitude.

MURDEROUS GREEK BANDS.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

A Red Book, which has been published in Vienna, reveals a pitiable state of unrest and bloodshed existing in Macedonia, arising from the activity of lawless bands. Greeks are held chiefly responsible.

A GENEROUS BEQUEST.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

Under the will of the late Sir William G. Pearce, Trinity College, Cambridge, will benefit on the death of his widow to the extent of £400,000.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

PROVISION MERCHANT'S ESTATE.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

The estate of the late Mr. Alfred Christmas (Lovell and Christmas, Limited), provision merchant, has been proved at £47,204.

CONSULAR APPOINTMENT.

Mr. E. Phillips has been gazetted Consul for Panama at Melbourne.

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DEMAND FOR QUEENSLAND TIMBER.

BRISBANE, Monday.

A correspondent, writing from North Queensland to the Director of Forests, states that there is an increasing demand for crowsfoot elm, particularly for the purposes for which American hickory has hitherto been used, such as axe handles and pick handles, shafts for vehicles, etc. A firm at Fiji using large quantities of these goods has placed in Cairns an order for 200 dozen handles, and they state that the samples tried by them were superior to any they had ever previously used.

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RAILWAY SMASH.

ACCIDENT AT COWRA.

RUNAWAY GOODS CARS.

CRASH INTO STATIONARY TRAIN.

EIGHT PASSENGERS INJURED.

About half past 11 o'clock on Sunday night a railway accident occurred at the Cowra railway platform whereby eight passengers were more or less seriously injured.

According to information received by the department, it seems that a mixed train, which leaves Cowra for Blayney at 12.10 a.m., was standing at the station platform. Some time before a goods train, consisting of 26 trucks and a brake van, had been despatched from Cowra, and it is understood that this train had stopped at a siding to shunt, and that while this operation was in progress a part of the train broke away and ran back to Cowra, dashing into the train which was standing there. The runaway trucks were all loaded, and they had attained a fair amount of speed, so that the impact must have been severe. A number of intending passengers had already taken their seats in the stationary train, and when the crash came great excitement and alarm was occasioned.

Prompt measures were taken by the railway officials to rescue the passengers, and in a comparatively short time those who were injured were removed to the local hospital and received medical treatment. These included:—

Mrs. Cross, 27, Ariah Park, Temora, bruises on elbow and on leg.

John Nevens, 24, landra, shock and bruised back.

Ernest Cross, 3, concussion and cut eyelid.

Eileen Cross, 11, crushed right hand, amputated at wrist.

Mrs. Lilian Barlow, 23 Railway-street, Cowra, shock.

H. A. Barlow, 18 months, concussion.

Ernest Elliott, 22, Mount Macdonald, two ribs broken and bruised right knee.

G. W. Hall, bruised leg.

J. Nevens was in the brake van attached to the runaway cars. The others were passengers.

COWRA, Monday.

The guard was in the brake van waiting till the midnight train from Cowra to Sydney would pass, as is the usual custom at Woodstock. He found himself sweeping along in the fugitive trucks, which crashed into the Cowra station in less than 10 minutes, a distance of fully 12 miles down grade the whole way. These collided with the stationary carriages at Cowra, literally smashing them. A number of people, mostly strangers, were sitting in these carriages waiting to start on the train. Of these, eight persons were injured, some severely. One little girl had one of her hands cut right off, and her arm had to be amputated at the hospital to-day, where the other passengers were taken last night for treatment. One man, who had been looking out of the window, was startled by the noise of the approaching train, and was thrown by the impact right across the railway line, but without serious injury.

It appears that a telephone message was sent from Woodstock to Cowra, but was received too late to prevent the collision. Officials there were engaged altering the points when the train rushed into the station. Both local doctors were in attendance at the railway station a few minutes after the mishap. Every assistance was rendered.

An official inquiry into the cause of the accident is now proceeding.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS.

CITY MISSION ENTERTAINMENT.

GATHERING AT THE TOWN HALL.

Two thousand children thronged the ground floor of the Town Hall last night, while adults looked down from the galleries upon a scene of unstinted enjoyment. These were the children of the slum suburbs, places where Fortune is a rare visitor, and all the more welcome when she does come. The good fairy in this instance was the Sydney City Mission, with abundant Christmas cheer. They were of all ages from 5 to 15, and the types defied enumeration. You looked at their faces, so frequently pinched and prematurely old, and realised dimly how seldom sunshine had crept into their lives, and with what force the simple contrast of entertainment that fails to quicken the pampered children of the rich must come to the children of the poor. They were all dressed in their best clothes, crude and gaudy perhaps, but still clothes their wearers were proud of. Some, evidently the poorest, were ill clad, and went barefoot, but the majority showed signs of someone's care. Their faces flushed, and their eyes sparkled as the interest of the programme unfolded, and not a point of any import was lost. They were a lesson in appreciation to many a jaded theatre-goer.

The Central City Mission band, under Bandmaster Lawson, which had marched up to the Town Hall, played several Christmas carols, and when these were over the fun began. A large proportion of the children had never seen an animated picture before, and the commonplaces of the cinematograph were mechanical marvels to them. The comic stories they followed most closely, and punctuated with roars of laughter and "Oh's" and "Ah's." The illustrated songs, in which Mr. Percy Herford was vocalist, proved no less popular, and the appearance on the platform of representative Australians, statesmen and sportsmen, were all greeted with the sort of applause that betokens recognition.

When at last the red-gowned figure of Father Christmas appeared on the platform to preside over the distribution of presents, backed by three large Christmas trees hung with gifts, the low buzz of chatter changed to shrieks and squeals of joy. The Revs. George Campbell and E. Moore stood on the dais to pass them along. They were arranged by districts, and as the name of their locality was held up on a cardboard sign a determined wedge of youngsters scrambled forward and mounted in double line, passing out in the end by the side doors. The change of expression from "before" to "after" was well worth watching. Here and there came a tiny tot manfully carrying, or wearing, a big brown paper bag of good things, and hugging a doll to her small mother bosom. And all this time the hall was a pandemonium of juvenile joy. How those durry Hills children did shout when their card went up! Lungs, at least, must be healthy out there. Dolls, trumpets, animals, tops, whips, trains, Noah's arks, and all the thousand and one furnishings of toyland were handed out as quickly as nimble fingers might manipulate them. They were clutched eagerly, so eagerly in some instances as to imperil their prospects of remaining intact as their new owners hurried off the platform. Altogether discipline was preserved, and yet the youngsters were as unrestrained as children could be. Here and there one would break out of the line on some pretext and be sent back, for order had to be maintained. In time the clothes baskets of toys and the trestle tables of eatables emptied, and the last applicant was satisfied by the untiring hands of the willing mission workers.

Outside the hall there was much the same excitement as prevailed within. If those whose donations helped to provide this seasonable charity could have seen its recipients trooping through the iron gates into the city street, with delight written all over their faces, they would have felt their trouble tenfold repaid. There would be happiness in a good many homes for at least one night in the year. Special trams conveyed a large number home, while others were within walking distance, and trotted off in the charge of their parents. Occasionally the top of a 'bus was loaded, and people passing wondered where all the cheering and singing was coming from. After all, Christmas belongs to the children, and some could have been made richer by its bounty than these dwellers in the bondage of the slums.

ESCAPE OF CHINESE STOWAWAYS.

ONE ARRESTED.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

Two Chinese stowaways escaped from the steamer Ben Nevis, at Wallaroo, last night. They had stowed away when the steamer left China, and the captain had successfully kept them in custody when touching at other Australian ports. The police took action, and one was captured in a mangrove swamp, having hidden in a hole 6ft deep, and covered himself with bushes. The other was seen at a neighbouring town, and will probably be arrested to-morrow. Neither can speak English.

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STATE RIGHTS IGNORED.

PRINTING OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S HIGH-HANDED ACTION.

PROTEST BY THE STATE PREMIER.

"I have before me another instance in which the Commonwealth is endeavouring to concentrate the new functions of Government to the exclusion of the rights of other States, and regardless of the expense involved," the State Premier said yesterday as he looked through a bundle of official documents lying on his table. The trouble this time is in connection with the printing of postage stamps, and Mr. Wade had facts to relate which served to show that New South Wales has received scant courtesy at the hands of Mr. Deakin and Sir William Lyne in the matter.

"It will be remembered," Mr. Wade proceeded, "that about two years ago an attempt was made by the Commonwealth to procure the printing in Adelaide of all stamps that might be required for the Commonwealth use. The ostensible reason for this was that greater economy would result from the production of the stamps in South Australia. Victoria, Queensland, and New South Wales vigorously protested against the proposed innovation, pointing out that the quoted cost of production in Adelaide did not even cover the complete cost of the necessary paper. A sum of £5000 was, however, placed on the Federal Estimates for the purpose of installing the necessary plant, but the proposal was not proceeded with, and the vote lapsed.

"This move has now been revived in another form, but this time for the benefit of Melbourne. As far back as August last the Secretary to the Postmaster-General inquired from the State Government if Mr. Bassett Hull, an officer of the Department of Mines, would be allowed to act as a member of a board to consider the question of a suitable issue of postage stamps to be available for immediate use in the general States during the bookkeeping period of the Commonwealth, and thereafter for issue by the Commonwealth without distinction as to States. Inquiries were made by the Department of Mines if the Public Service Board would approve of leave being granted to Mr. Hull to enable him to take his place on the board. But the matter seemed, for some inscrutable reason, to be so urgent that the Federal Government did not wait for the completion of our inquiries, and appointed another Mr. Hull, who does not belong to the Public Service, but who has some knowledge of philately.

"This Government also claimed that the State should receive official representation on the proposed board, but this request the Commonwealth Government refused to accede to, on the ground that the question relating to the designs of postage stamps was exclusively a Federal matter. The importance of the representation of the State may be gathered from subsequent proceedings.

"Being doubtful as to the scope of the inquiry of the proposed board, I wrote to Mr. Deakin and inquired whether I would be within its functions to discuss the place where the stamps should be manufactured or issued. To this I received a diplomatic reply that 'The board is not precluded by the terms of the appointment from making any recommendation it may see fit with reference to the place where the stamps should be produced or issued.' Inasmuch as there is an expensive and complete plant in existence in this State for stamp printing purposes it is obvious that the interests of not only the State might suffer, but of the Commonwealth, on the grounds of economy, if there was nobody upon this board who could testify to such facts. However, the inquiry went on; the board recommended a uniform issue throughout the Commonwealth, and that the printing be done in one office. Subsequently it was announced in the press, and has in no way been denied, that Sir William Lyne had decided to have the postage stamps printed at one central office—in Melbourne.

"The board consisted of Mr. H. B. Templeton, Chief Clerk of the Postmaster-General's Department; Mr. J. B. Cook, stamp printer to the Department in Adelaide; Mr. Bernard Hall, of Victoria; Mr. T. T. Patterson, of Queensland; and Mr. W. Hull, of Sydney.

"After the announcement of Sir William Lyne's determination I asked Mr. Gullick (Government Printer) to furnish a report with regard to the position. In his report he pointed out that a modern power plate press for the printing of postage stamps on the lines suggested by the board has been in use in the Government Printing Office, Sydney, for the past nine years, and in no other office in Australia; although £2000 to supplement the plant of this State would be sufficient to enable it to turn out the entire postage issue of Australia, the board had recommended the Commonwealth to enter into an expenditure (which was probably under-estimated) of £30,000; and that the adoption of the recommendation would admittedly increase the cost of production on applying it to all stamps; and that a) present only threepenny, fivepenny, and two shilling stamps are printed by this process.

"Thereupon, on November 27, I wrote a protest to the Commonwealth. I also sent a copy of my letter to each of the Premiers for the opinion of each State, and pointed out that the effect of Sir William Lyne's determination would be—(1) To render useless expensive plant which had been put in operation for some years past; (2) to throw out of employment a large number of men; (3) to increase the cost to the taxpayers generally; (4) to cause the transfer of the work from a responsible officer who had proved himself eminently fitted for the position, to some other person whose qualifications could not possibly be higher, and might very probably be lower.

"I received a courteous acknowledgment of my letter on November 30, but since then I have heard no more from Mr. Deakin.

"I have received offers of support from Queensland and Tasmania. The Premier of South Australia is of the opinion that the Commonwealth Government has definitely settled the matter and it is now too late for a protest to have any effect.

"In the face of this," the Premier exclaimed on conclusion, "are we not a long-suffering people?"

RESCUE BY FIJIAN PRINCE.

TWO BATHERS' NARROW ESCAPE.

NEWCASTLE, Monday.

The captain of the Fijian cricket team effected a daring rescue on the Newcastle beach this morning. A number of bathers were enjoying themselves in the surf, when one of their number was carried off his feet by the back wash. A companion went to assist him, but he also was caught in the current, and both were being swept out to sea when their predicament was observed by Prince Ratu Kadavu Levu, the Fijian captain. He at once plunged into the breakers, and swam out to the two men, who by this time had reached the outermost line of rollers. He seized hold of the men, and after a hard struggle brought both safely to land, when he was made the recipient of hearty congratulations of the assembled bathers. Both of the rescued men were thoroughly exhausted, but under skilful treatment they soon recovered sufficiently to be able to proceed to their homes.

BURGLARS AT MUDGEE.

MUDGEE, Monday.

Burglars broke into Branscombe and Harscher's coach factory, entering through a window of the trimming shop. They made their way to the safe, upon which they proceeded to operate with hammers and chisels secured from the work-bench. They were evidently disturbed. Although a hole was cut through the safe, it was not large enough to extract the contents, amounting to about £30.

GENEROUS JAPANESE.

GIFT TO ROYAL NAVAL HOUSE.

Mr. J. S. Shearston, superintendent of the Royal Naval House, received a letter from the Acting Japanese Consul yesterday, enclosing a cheque for £143 12s 9d, for the funds of the institution. The letter stated that the amount had been collected amongst the officers and men in the Japanese Navy who had visited Sydney, and been entertained at the House. This amount would represent a spending capacity of about £500 in Japan, so the gift is really larger than it appears.

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SENSATION AT NARRABRI

BOILER EXPLODES.

GAOL BUILDING DAMAGED.

NARROW ESCAPES.

NARRABRI, Monday.

A boiler explosion occurred at 8.30 o'clock this morning at Messrs. Short and So.'s steam flour mills, Barwon-street, resulting in great damage to the gaol building and furnishings on the opposite side of the street.

The boiler which burst was a 40-horse power Cornish of great weight, and at the time of the explosion the steam register was at 60lb to the square inch. Fortunately, no persons were in the street or at the front of the gaol buildings at the time, or the accident would surely have been attended with fatal results. The boiler was erected in stonework detached from the main mill building, and was horizontal and parallel to the end of the main machine-room, with the furnace door facing the street. The explosion affected the boiler lengthwise, and this saved the lives of the machine-room assistants, three of whom were only a couple of feet from the actual centre of the explosion.

The explosion shifted the boiler backward about 15ft, and the door and fragments of iron (some weighing 20lb each) were hurled across the street a distance of 90ft, totally wrecking the front portion of the gaol building, besides destroying a great deal of furniture in the front dwelling rooms of the gaoler and family. Five irons from the boiler penetrated the cement and brick walls of the gaol, and cut great holes in the stone masonry supporting the verandah, which is some 12ft from the street. Sixty feet of the gaol palisading was blown to atoms, and scarcely a vestige remained. The iron verandah palisading for about 40ft was also demolished. Not one inch of glass in the doors or the windows was unbroken, although protected with inch iron bars. One huge fire-bar came through the hall to the iron cell gates, a distance of 20ft from the front door, and over 100ft from the scene of the explosion. Bricks were driven through the solid pine ceilings of the gaol, and everything in one of the front bedrooms was completely destroyed.

The gaol dwelling is occupied by Gaoler Manning, his wife, and two young children. The latter were removed from their bedroom a few moments before the occurrence, and a fireb ar from the mill came through the window and landed on the bed, setting fire to the bed clothing. An office at the rear of the bedroom was drenched in steam and ashes, and a strong door in the passage at right angles to the main hall was burst from top to bottom, and had the locks and bolts wrenched off. The whole frontage and garden of the gaol is completely wrecked, and quite £200 worth of damage has been sustained.

The mill buildings were almost untouched, but the sawmills and electric lighting plant at the rear of the flour mills suffered a good deal of damage. The great fly-wheel was driven backward from the street end, and crashed into the masonry of the dynamo, completely wrecking one side of the brickwork.

SANDFORD, LIMITED.

POSITION AT LITHGOW.

MESSRS. HOSKINS' DONATION.

LITHGOW, Monday.

A meeting of the men lately employed at the Eskbank ironworks was held in the Protestant Hall on Saturday afternoon. Mr. R. Pillans, president of the Ironworkers' Association, was voted to the chair, and consideration was given to the matter of apportioning the £100 presented by Messrs. G. and C. Hoskins, Ltd. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Pillans, Poole, and J. A. Doyle, president, treasurer, and secretary respectively of the Ironworkers' Association, was appointed to deal with all applications according to the merits of each individual case, this distribution to take place to-day to the wives of the men lately employed. A vote of thanks was accorded Messrs. Hoskins for their generous gift. About 50 applications were received up to this morning, and it is expected that the £100 will be distributed this afternoon.

Messrs. Sandford and Thornley returned from Sydney on Friday night, but left again for the city this morning.

Preparatory work will soon have to be undertaken if, as stated, by Mr. Hoskins, work is to be resumed on January 2.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In Friday's issue of the "Sydney Morning Herald" Mr. Charles Hoskins makes an interesting statement about his purchase of the ironworks, for which he deserves great credit for his courage in coming to the rescue, and he also speaks of his contract for supplying the New South Wales Government with iron.

In this statement he says:—"There are, however, two clauses to the specification which I would like to say something about. The first is this: If a bonus is granted by the Federal Government, the contractor is not to have the benefit of it, but it is to be deducted from the contract price. In another place the Government secures itself further. If the Commonwealth imposes duties they are not to be added to the contract price. . . . . "To put it shortly, I consider a duty preferable to a bonus, because a duty is paid upon a pigiron coming into the country, and if a consumer chooses to use imported pigiron instead of locally-made material, the benefit of the duty would go to the State, whereas, in the case of a bonus, it would only be paid on pigiron locally made, and it may happen that, notwithstanding the bonus, the imported pigiron might be largely used. Then the manufacturer of the locally-made article would only be benefited to the amount of the bonus. It might happen, also, and it most likely would happen, that he would soon overstock himself, and could not claim the bonus, because he would have to stop making iron. One thing to my mind is certain. That is, either a bonus or duty is imperative on pigiron. A bonus would help to a certain degree, but a fixed duty I consider better. The iron trades of Sydney—in fact, the iron trades throughout Australia—are unanimous in holding that a duty should be fixed on pigiron, and also on the lighter sections of bar iron and the lighter description of sheet iron."

Now as regards the proviso by which the Government are to receive any bounties that may be passed on the production of iron, it is certain that the Government will receive no such bounty, as the Federal Parliament will never vote money to be applied to cheapen the iron and steel used by the New South Wales Government. This condition should have formed the contract from any intelligent point of view. But this difficulty might be got over, and the Bonus Bill passed by inserting a proviso in the Bonus Bill that no bonus should be paid on the iron manufactured for the supply of the Government contract. This would enable Messrs. Hoskins to receive a bonus on castiron, malleable iron, and steel sold outside the Government contract. The Government, in their contract, provide that should import duties be imposed, such duties shall not affect the contract price, which provision is just and necessary.

Now as regards Mr. Hoskins's statement as above made, that engineers and those engaged in other kinds of ironworks are unanimously in favour of an import duty, as against a bonus, on the contrary is the case. It is absolutely safe to say that nine-tenths of the people in Australia engaged in the iron industries, prefer a bounty to an import duty, for the obvious reason that an import duty is a tax on the raw material used in their industries.

Mr. Hoskins, as an ironmaster, may see some advantage in an import duty over a bonus on iron and steel, but I confess I am unable to see where the supposed advantage lies.

In the last Federal tariff the duty of 15 per cent. was insufficient to enable various kinds of machinery and other ironworks to be made here, but now that the duty is 25 per cent., a large portion of the class of goods hitherto imported should be produced here; but if a 12½ per cent. import duty is placed on pigiron, and ordinary merchantable iron and steel, this will greatly decrease their ability to compete with imported goods. This duty of 12½ per cent. would average 5 per cent. on the various articles manufactured from iron and steel, and consequently the increase in duty from the old tariff would be only 5 per cent., instead of 10 per cent. as fixed in the present tariff. Now a bonus, instead of increasing the cost of the raw material, would tend to decrease it, by coming into competition with imported iron and steel.

The works at Lithgow, I am glad to say, are, at least, a beginning of a most important industry, but if four such works were brought into operation they would not supply more than half of the consumption. The consumption of railway and tramway bars alone would require at least two such works as those at Lithgow, and Mr. Sandford was pretty correct in his forecast, that at least four blast furnaces would be required to meet the demands of the Commonwealth.

Dec. 21. I am, etc., A. FORSYTH.

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ENGLISH CRICKETERS.

MATCH AGAINST A VICTORIAN ELEVEN.

ENGLAND DECLARES AT NINE FOR 503.

RHODES 105 NOT OUT.

VICTORIA, THREE FOR 156.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Players in the match on the South Melbourne ground, between the English eleven and a Victorian team were favoured with pleasant weather conditions when the game was continued to-day. The not out men, Barnes (3) and Rhodes (12), faced the bowling of Tarrant and Armstrong with the score at 321 for seven wickets. Rhodes showed the keenest relish for the altered conditions, and scored freely. When he had reached 15 Barnes was given out leg-before-wicket to Armstrong.

The total was eight for 361 when Humphries came in. Rhodes attained to the half-century when he had been batting for 80 minutes. At 385 Collins took the ball from Tarrant, Saunders relieving Armstrong, whose four wickets had cost 104. Humphries brought up the fourth century with a

mit for children over 10 years of age should be fixed at three miles, and under 10 years two miles."

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Witts (Wentworthville) moved,—"That inasmuch as education is a natural benefit, the Government of the day should provide sufficient funds to purchase all apparatus used in the school. No teacher should be placed in a position that necessitates the organising of concerts, bazaars, etc, or required to busy himself in any other way to raise funds for any kind of material." He objected to a system which was growing up, and under which teachers were expected to send children round the district cadging. (Applause.) He had purchased a library out of his own salary for his school, and his reward had been an unfavourable entry in the observation book to the effect that a proper bookcase should have been provided. (Laughter.) Among articles of equipment which teachers were now expected to provide were soap, towels, books, pictures, frames, bookcases, museum cases, stereoscopes and stereoscopic views, carpenters' tools, planes, paper for folding, timber, seeds, manures, barometers, thermometers, rain gauges, sewing machines, wands, dumbbells, swings, clubs, and wire netting to keep out the rabbits. He had spent £15 a year out of his salary in connection with his school. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Berman (Five Dock) moved as an amendment,—"That the Government should subsidise all moneys raised by the public for school purposes."

Mr. Mahony (Glen Innes) contended that the Government had far too long been regarded as a milch cow, and he thought that it would be better for all concerned to educate the young people to be self-reliant. (Applause and dissent.)

Mr. Faulkner (Colmar) urged that the only way in which to get people to take an interest in the school's was to induce them to contribute out of their own pockets.

The amendment was almost unanimously negatived, and the resolution was agreed to.

Miss Golding (Leichhardt West) moved—"That the High School fees should be reduced from £3 3s to £1 1s per quarter." She was of the opinion that bursaries and scholarships should be multiplied twentyfold.

Mr. Nelligan (Rozelle) moved as an amendment—"That the High School should be brought within reach of the poor, but eligible, pupils, by a more liberal system of bursaries."

The amendment was carried, but Miss Golding demanded that the votes should be counted. Tellers having been appointed, the amendment was declared carried by 75 votes to 47. The amendment was then put as the motion, upon which

Miss Golding moved as a further amendment—"That a more liberal system of bursaries and a reduction of the High School fees to £1 per quarter should be granted, such to take effect with children who pass the standard required in the upper fifth class."

After considerable discussion, the words "and a reduction of the High School fees to £1 per quarter" were eliminated from the amendment, which was thereupon declared carried.

Mr. Lasker (Fort-street) moved—"That, with a view to the establishment of a chair of pedagogics, and a chair of agriculture, and to reducing fees, increasing the staff, and otherwise effecting reforms, this conference is of opinion that the Government subsidy to the University should be materially increased."

The motion was unanimously carried, and at 5.30 p.m. the conference adjourned until this morning.

ASSISTANT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The first annual conference of the Assistant Teachers' Association was opened at the Sydney Girls' High School last evening. Mr. T. A. Tarrant, B.A., occupied the chair.

The president alluded to the importance of the first meeting of assistants as a separate association, as they had many subjects which were of special interest to them. In the employ of the department there were 1914 assistants, who had a representation of seven members on the council of the Teachers' Association of N.S.W. The assistants recognised that the Under-Secretary's remarks at the conference of the Teachers' Association in the morning were directed towards recommending co-operation between the two associations, in the interests of the whole body of teachers. The work of the past year had been directed towards readjusting the salaries of assistants, and the scheme now in operation was the best that the assistants had been afforded, and was generally along the lines that assistants had advocated.

A discussion followed as to the position of the Assistants' Association in relation to the parent association. The discussion resulted in no resolution, and business commenced with the salary scheme.

Mr. Lobban moved, and Mr. Matthews seconded, and it was carried unanimously,—"That this conference expresses general approval of the new salary scheme, but hopes that further consideration be given to the salaries of III. A female assistants."

Mr. Flood moved,—"That the Department of Public Instruction be asked to draw up a scheme of superannuation for teachers." The motion was carried.

Mr. MacDonnell moved,—"That teachers should be treated as officers of other departments when travelling, and that teachers when relieving should receive a boarding allowance."

Mr. Dunn seconded the resolution, which was carried.

Concerning the living allowance made to assistant teachers in the outback portions of the State, it was resolved that 15 per cent. be allowed on the first £100 and 7½ per cent. on the second £100 of salary to all assistants sent to schools where living allowances of £12 per annum are now made.

Miss Deverill moved,—"That lady teachers should sever their connection with the department on marriage." The motion was carried unanimously after considerable applause from the ladies, who took a prominent part in the debate.

The work done by assistants in connection with the cadets in Public schools received considerable attention. The demand upon the assistants' time out of school was, it was pointed out, very great, taking up as it did a great part of Saturday and several evenings throughout the week, while extra attendance at camps and musketry practice was demanded during vacations. Mr. Speirs moved that, when target practices and musketry courses were conducted and camps held in relation to cadet instruction, these should be arranged during the school course, as rural camps were, and not on Saturdays and during vacations.

Mr. Barsby seconded the resolution, which was carried.

The meeting closed with a discussion of certain amendments to be made in the constitution of the Teachers' Association at the general conference to-day, with a view to securing better representation of assistants.

FIJIANS ON TOUR.

NEWCASTLE EASILY DEFEATED.

NEWCASTLE, Monday.

The match between the Fijian cricket team and a Newcastle eleven was continued on the Association Cricket Ground this afternoon.

The Fijian eleven played their innings to a finish, which gave them a victory by 211 runs over the local team.

The attendance was small. Scores :—

Newcastle.—First Innings, 115.

Fiji.—First Innings, 366.

Newcastle.—Second Innings.

P. Arnott, b Pope	0
F. Donald, c and b Samu	21
A. O'Leary, b Pope	0
W. Gibson, b Pope	0
A. Murdoch, c Rabonu, b Samu	49
P. Davies, b Pope	0
R. Mathieson, b Samu	2
J. Green, c Meleti, b Samu	2
J. Edgar, run out	3
E. Morley, b Joni Siqila	4
M. M'Namara, not out	1
Sundries	3
Total	87

Bowling.—Samu, four for 26; Pope, four for 40; Siqila, one for 16.

Fiji.—Second Innings.

Ratu Kadavu Levu, b W. Gibson	28
Rabonu, b A. O'Leary	44
Meleti, b K. Mathieson	80
E. J. Marsden, c M'Namara, b F. Donald	36
Ratu Pope, b T. Edgar	19
Liceni, b F. Donald	5
Siquili, b R. Mathieson	1
Rokiki, b F. Donald	0
Tokidi, c M'Namara, b K. Mathieson	31
Vulatelu, not out	0
Samu Rainvorana, b K. Mathieson	0
Sundries	9
Total	247

The Fijians will play a two days' match at Maitland, and will also meet a team at Tamworth, after which they will proceed to Brisbane.

KICKED BY A HORSE.

MAN'S TERRIBLE INJURIES.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

With a compound fracture of the thigh, a fractured skull, and an ear torn off and brains protruding, a young man named Joseph M'Camish crawled a quarter of a mile from Simpson's Creek to Inglewood for assistance this afternoon. The unfortunate man had been knocked down and terribly kicked by a horse attached to a dray, of which he was in charge. M'Camish was immediately treated at the local hospital, where his condition is very serious.

MELBOURNE DIVORCE SUIT

CO-RESPONDENT'S CASE CLOSED.

THE VISITS TO THE SURGERY.

PETITIONER RECALLED.

HOT WORDS BETWEEN COUNSEL.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The Wallace divorce suit was continued today.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bryant, Dr. Strong said that he had only paid three or four visits to Novar. Two only were social visits. The others were professional visits.

On any of these occasions were there any endearments between you and the respondent?—No.

Did you ever kiss her?—No.

Never in your life?—No.

You walked about the streets of St. Kilda and comforted her, but there were no endearments?—No.

How did you comfort her?—I talked of ordinary subjects.

Mr. Bryant (sarcastically): Football, weather, races, I suppose?—I just talked of races and ordinary subjects, and she was willing to listen to all that.

Now, will you deny the sworn evidence that on the 11th the respondent came to the surgery at 4 o'clock and left at 9 o'clock?—She was not there all that time.

She was still suffering from gastritis?—Yes.

And you took a gastritis patient to an oyster saloon and gave her fish?—She went with me.

The Chief Justice: Did you think it right for a lady suffering from gastritis to eat fried fish?—I don't remember what she had. She may have had grilla.

Mr. Bryant: Now, didn't she have fried fish and cold soda water?—She could not have had hot soda water. (Laughter.)

Probably not, but she might have had stout?—You cannot get stout on Sundays.

I should have thought she would have had oysters and stout. Will you swear you did not let her out by M'Grath's lane on the night of August 14?—Yes.

When did you do so?—On August 24.

How many times altogether?—Twice—once at night and once in the afternoon.

How many times have you let her in that way?—I have never done so.

Tell me what happened on August 24.—Mrs. Wallace and I went in by the front door.

What time did you leave—I don't remember exactly.

I quite understand. (Laughter.) Now what time did she leave?—About a quarter-past 11.

What time did she come?—About a quarter-past 9, I think.

Mr. Bryant (sarcastically): Was that a case of gastritis again?—I don't remember.

Mr. M'Arthur: Do you see patients at night?—Yes.

Looking at your book, you can mention various dates of visits of patients, ladies and gentlemen, between 8 and 10 o'clock p.m.?—Yes.

There was no couch in your surgery?—No. Nor in the waiting-room.

Charles Thomas Strong, estate agent and accountant, brother of the co-respondent, corroborated the co-respondent's statement. On July 24 he assisted Dr. Strong with his books. He added, "We were at the surgery from immediately after dinner until after 11 o'clock on June 23. Co-respondent had dinner with me. We reached the surgery about a quarter-past 8, and stayed there all the evening."

This closed the case for co-respondent.

Mr. Duffy said he proposed to call evidence in regard to the statement that on certain dates Mrs. Wallace was ill, also to prove that on May 15 Rodgers was at "Novar," and regarding the allegation against Mrs. Wallace at Cunninghame. He had produced a person, and had confronted Mrs. Wallace with him. He had asked her if she would deny his assertion that the witness Gardner was a witch had seen her with a man in a compromising position.

Mr. Purves objected to other witnesses being called regarding the Rodgers incident.

The Chief Justice: If the evidence of the witness Sidey is found to be untrue on that point, the question is, Will he be believed on others? Mrs. Sidey is an important witness, and this question affects her credit. I think Mr. Duffy should be allowed to call another witness to combat Rodgers' statement.

Harriet Eyre, a housemaid in the employ of Mr. Wallace, gave evidence as to Mrs. Wallace being ill for a week in November. Witness said she was at present in the service of Mr. Wallace at Glen Eira-road, East Malvern, where his boy, Nurse Soden, and Miss Dolan also resided.

Edward Hughes, a cabdriver, said he drove Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Lee to the theatre on November 21; afterwards to the Savoy Cafe, which they left at ten minutes past 1.

Catherine Dolan, a dressmaker, said she worked for Mrs. Parker at Novar in May this year. She saw Mrs. Sidey the day she arrived.

Mr. Bryant: Did you see anyone else there that day?—Yes: Mrs. Parker and Mr. Rodgers in sitting-room. Mrs. Parker was sitting and Mr. Rodgers was standing up.

How was Mrs. Parker dressed?—She had a grey skirt on and a kimono jacket.

You closed your door and went on with your work?—Yes.

Then you did not see what was going on?—No.

Mr. Purves: Did you make any agreement with Mrs. Sidey to stay at Novar, and listen to what was said?

Witness: No.

Mr. Bryant: What conversation did you have with Mrs. Sidey?

Witness: The day I was leaving I asked her, "What do you think of the house?". And she said, "Not much; what do you?" I said, "I think Mrs. Parker is very much talked about outside." She said, "What is it?" I said, "Mrs. Wallace?" I said, "Mrs. Parker's sister." Then she told me that on Birthday night she had seen Dr. Strong in the pantry with one hand on Mrs. Wallace's shoulder, and one hand on her knee. I said, "I cannot stop. It is too dreadful." I said I would come back in July, and asked her if she would stop on. She answered that she would if she could possibly do so. I said, "Tell me what you see," and she said she would.

Charles Dunkley Wallace, the petitioner, was recalled, and questioned regarding statements made by Mrs. Wallace in her evidence.

Mr. Bryant: Your wife said that she went down on her knees to you, and asked you to forgive her; that you pushed her away, and that she said, "All right, Charlie, I've done my best." Did she do that?

Mr. Purves objected to the question.

Mrs. Lee has made a statement to the effect that her husband told her that Mr. Wallace had said his wife had given a large sum of money to Braund, the cricketer, to buy back her letters, and to prevent him from blackmailing her. Is that true?

The question was objected to.

The Chief Justice: It is not evidence.

Mr. Bryant: I don't know why it was ever allowed to be introduced.

The Chief Justice: It was not objected to.

Mr. Bryant: My instructions are that there is no truth either in that statement or in the assertion that Mr. Wallace said that Parker would sell his wife to any man who came along.

Mr. Purves: When did you get news of the birth of your boy?

Witness: About noon of the day of the birth, and I came home by the first train from Mornington.

Do you say that your wife, in addition to being unfaithful, is such a scandalous liar that she invented all these statements about the birth of the child?—I say they have been invented for her.

By whom?—Mr. Pilcher. (Sensation.)

Why does your mind form such a contemptible opinion that an honourable man has been instructing your wife to lie?—In my opinion he was never an honourable man, because he has been instructing her to bring counter charges.

Don't you make any mistake; you will hear all about them.—I sincerely hope so.

You believe your wife was a good and faithful woman?—I say, and believe in my heart of hearts that Mrs. Wallace never misconducted herself with any other man except Dr. Strong. Did you ever at any time tell your wife that Hooper had boasted that during your absence he was intimate with Mrs. Wallace?—No, not at any time.

Do you suggest to the jury that Mr. Pilcher is capable of suggesting that?—Mr. Pilcher is capable of anything. I told Mrs. Wallace not to have anything to do with him. I had been told that Hooper had boasted about another woman, and if my wife spoke to him at all he might boast the same about her.

You have not seen Braund, I suppose?

Mr. Duffy (to Mr. Purves): That is it. The gentleman you were going to call.

Mr. Purves (to Mr. Duffy): That is the gentleman whom you were with at dinner at the Savoy the other night.

Mr. Duffy: You are a liar. (Sensation).

The Chief Justice (promptly): This is beyond endurance. It must not be done.

Mr. Duffy: Did you hear what he said? I will always protest in the same way.

The Chief Justice: If you do the same in this Court I will take steps to stop it.

The cross-examination was then proceeded with.

Mr. Purves: Have you ever, since 1905, given your wife a kiss or a look that would have mended matters?—I have kissed her.

When?—I should say on the occasion of her birthdays, in January or February, 24 or 25.

The case will be continued to-morrow.

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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Bearing in mind past experiences, when the Christmas and New Year holidays were generally preceded by a weak and listless market, it was rather refreshing to find yesterday morning that it was unusually buoyant. A better market, immediately before the holidays, has not been experienced for years past. Naturally enough, holders of scrip, especially of silver scrip, are jubilant at the change. It is regarded as a hopeful sign that when the Stock Exchange resumes business after the holidays, on January 8, the market will, presuming the price of lead is maintained, be firm. The same remarks apply to copper stock, consequent on the improved price of that metal. Of course, everything depends upon metal values, when the Stock Exchange resumes.

In silver shares yesterday morning, Broken Hill South, paid, advanced from 57/6 to 61/; the contributing scrip from 54/ to 56/6, and Broken Hill Junction North from 12/6 to 13/3. Broken Hill Proprietary sold at 49/, on one month's terms. In sympathy with the rise in Broken Hill South and Broken Hill Junction buyers of British Broken Hill (old), Broken Hill Block 10, Broken Hill Block 14 (old), Broken Hill Junction, and Broken Hill South Blocks, offered above the previous closing sale rates, but failed to draw sellers. Thus the morning closed with an almost all-round firmness in silver shares.

A marked improvement was noticeable in the amount of business done in copper stocks, as compared with the latter portion of the previous week's record. Mount Molloy sold at 9/4½ prompt, Queen Bee from 9/ to 9/5, Wallaroo and Moonta from 32/9 to 33/3, and O.K. Copper from 5/ to 5/2; but Mount Elliott receded from 43/9 to 41/6. Buyers of Chillagoes (contg) at a /4 advance, and Hampden at an increase of /7, failed to draw sellers; whilst good offers were made for Mungana Mount Morgan, and Mount Lyell.

Tin shares were not dealt in, though there were several inquiries for Gilmore, Daisieli's, and Stannary Hill. In gold stocks Mount Davida were unaltered at 2/6.

The firmness of silver shares was maintained during the afternoon, and right up to the close of the day. In addition to numerous term sales, transactions for ordinary delivery were booked, and the prices paid displayed steadiness. For instance, B. H. Souths (contg) finished up strong at 56/6, or 2/6 above the previous week's closing transaction, whilst the paid-up was unobtainable at an advance of 3/6. Buyers of B.H. Junction North made good offers, but sellers held for better rates, and British Broken Hill (old) firmed /4½. Improved offers were made for B. H. Block 10 and B.H. Block 14 (ord.), but sellers stood firm. In like manner B.H. North were in fair favour.

The amount of business done in the copper section was not so large as in the morning. Chillagoe (contg) advanced /4; M'Gregor's eased /2; whilst Budgery Mines (paid) were unchanged at 3/6. Improved offers were made for Hampden, Queen Bee, and O.K.'s, and steady prices offered for Wallaroo and Moonta. Mount Morgan, and Kyloe (paid), did not result in business.

No business was recorded in tin shares, though there was a marked advance in the Daisieli Tin Mine. Gold stocks were represented by sales in Harden West (contg) at 1/2, /5 down; Occidental at 7/3, an advance of /3; Great Northern (Gympie) at 5/11, a fractional decrease; and Mount David, unchanged at 3/8.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COPPER.		
Budgery Mines	0 3 6	0 3 9
Ditto, contributing	0 2 6	0 2 9
Chillagoe	0 4 3	0 4 5
Chillagoe-Clencurry, paid	0 8 6	0 9 6
Lloyd Copper	0 0 6	0 0 9
Kyloe Hole	0 0 9	0 1 0
Ditto, contributing	0 2 9	0 4 0
M'Gregor-Clencurry, paid	0 0 7	0 0 9
Mount Cumindah	0 0 7	0 0 9
Mount Elliott	1 19 6	2 1 6
Mount Molloy	0 9 2	0 9 4
Mungana Chillagoe	0 5 3	0 5 6
Turon	0 5 1	0 5 3
Queen Bee	0 9 3	0 10 0
Wallaroo and Moonta	1 12 6	1 13 0
Kyloe, paid	0 0 6	0 0 9
Ditto, contributing	0 1 6	0 2 6
TIN.		
Daisieli's Tin Mines	0 1 8½	—
Gilmore	0 1 9	—
Stannary Hills	0 0 9	0 1 2
Vulcan	—	—
SILVER.		
New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	0 12 6	0 13 0
Broken Hill Proprietary	2 18 0	2 19 6
Ditto, Block 10	2 10 0	2 14 0
Ditto, Block 14	0 14 0	0 15 0
Ditto, preference	0 14 0	0 15 0
Ditto, contributing	0 1 2	0 1 8
B. H. Junction North	0 13 0	0 13 6
B.H. North	1 10 0	1 11 0
B.H. South	3 1 3	3 2 0
B.H. South, contributing	2 15 6	2 16 6
B.H. South Blocks	0 0 0	0 0 9
C.S.A. Mines, etc.	0 17 6	—
Sulphide Corporation, ordinary	0 9 6	0 9 9
GOLD.		
New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	0 4 11	0 5 4
Harden	0 1 0	0 1 6
Harden Central (paid)	0 1 9	0 2 5
Harden West	0 2 3	0 2 6
Ditto, contributing	0 1 0	0 1 3
Mount David	0 2 7	0 2 8
Mount Dryadale	0 0 0	0 3 0
New Hillgrove Proprietary	0 9 0	0 9 3
Occidental	0 7 0	0 7 9
Sunlight	0 1 1	0 1 4
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Amalgamated Tin	—	0 4 0
Araluen Central	0 5 9	0 7 6
Associated Gold Dredging	0 6 0	0 6 6
Conrad Creek	—	0 7 6
Elrington	—	0 2 0
Jembaicumbene	—	0 2 0
Tingha Tin, paid	—	0 3 0
Tingha Tin	—	0 5 0
Turon River	—	0 0 0
Victoria.		
Mount Lyell	1 5 0	—
Queensland—		
Charters Towers, etc.		
Brilliant Central	—	0 5 0
Brilliant Extended	0 6 3	0 7 0
Ditto, contributing	0 4 0	—
Mount Morgan	3 2 1	3 6 0
Ruby	0 2 1	—
Victoria and Caledonia Block	—	0 1 0
Victoria and Queen	—	0 1 0
Victory	—	0 1 0
Gympie.		
Great Northern, contributing	0 5 10	0 6 6
North Columbia and Smithfield, No. 1	0 1 3½	0 1 5
North Columbia and Smithfield, No. 2	—	0 14 0
North Smithfield	—	0 6 9
Oriental and Glanmire	0 4 0	0 6 0
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 1 0	0 2 0
South Great Eastern, No. 2	—	0 0 9
Great Western	0 2 0	—
Western Australia.		
Associated	—	0 18 0
Chaffer's	0 0 4	0 0 6
Great Boulder	—	1 8 9
Ditto, No. 1	—	0 4 9
Ditto, Perseverance	—	0 0 9

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

MORNING.

Copper.—Mount Molloy, 9/4½, prompt; Queen Bee, 9/5; O.K. Copper, 5/2; Mount Elliott, 41/6; Wallaroo and Moonta, 33/3; Kyloe, contg, 1/6.

Silver.—B.H. South, paid, 61/; ditto, one month, sellers' option, 61/6; ditto, terms three weeks, 62/; B.H. Proprietary, one month, 49/; B.H. Junction North, 13/3; ditto, terms one month, 13/; B.H. South, contg, 56/6.

Tin.—Nil.

Gold.—Nuggetty Ajax (Victoria), /8; Mount David, 3/8.

AFTERNOON.

Copper.—Chillagoe, contg, 4/4; M'Gregor, 3/9; Budgery, paid, 3/6.

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MINING NOTES.

The Sydney Stock Exchange will close after the noon "call" to-day, and will not resume business until January 6.

The Sunlight Gold-mining Company has washed up a crushing of 70 tons of ore, for 70ozs of gold.

The North Smithfield Company (Gympie) has declared a dividend of /6 per share, payable to-day.

The North Broken Hill last week treated 2500 tons of ore, producing 420 tons of concentrates, assaying 71.1 per cent. lead, 19.1oz silver, 5.2 per cent. zinc. The mill ran 144 hours.

During last week the Cape's Creek dredge worked 125½ hours, principally treating overburden. The paddock was cleaned up for 6 tons, 12½cwt. This was sent away last Friday afternoon. Work will now be suspended for a week during the holidays.

The directors of the Ivanhoe Gold Corporation have declared a third quarterly interim dividend of 5/ per share, payable on January 29, subject to a deduction of English income tax of 1/ in the £. The transfer books close on January 6.

The Brilliant and St. George United (Charters Towers) crushed 271 tons for 526oz. Cyanide bullion was recovered to the value of £1815. It is reported that the reef has been cut in the Hope crosscut, and that the lode is looking well.

The general manager of the Briseis Tin Mines, Limited, reports regarding the prospecting operations on the Ringarooma properties, recently purchased by this company:—"No. 1 prospecting tunnel in drift, 1190ft, distance driven last week 77ft, drift averaging 4.92ft for that distance."

The Sulphide Corporation's Central mine at Broken Hill, last week treated 3882 tons of ore, for 630 tons of concentrates, worth 31.5oz of silver, 58.3 per cent. of lead, and 9.4 per cent. of zinc. At the same time, the Cockle Creek Works produced 679 tons of bullion, containing 1379oz of gold, and 73,555oz of silver.

It is gratifying to be able to state that there is no truth in the rumour circulated in Blayney last week, that the manager of the Blayney Copper Mine and Smelting Company had been instructed by telegram to close down the greater part of the mine and plant for at least a month. A telegram from the management states that underground work has been stopped for the holiday season only. The company's policy as a Customs smelter is being steadily pursued.

In the New Hillgrove section of the New Hillgrove Proprietary mines the crosscut east and west, to intersect Smith's Reef and the No. 2 Reef respectively, are being driven. No. 12 level is being continued south, and the leading stope taken off. The plant will close down to-day for the usual annual overhaul. At the Eleanora section the No. 7 drive is being continued south, and the No. 3 level from the south shaft is being continued south on the vein, which shows free gold. The mill is running, and all the small adjustments were finished yesterday.

At the Harden Gold mine the No. 3 level east has been extended to 502ft. The reef would appear to be making again, and in the face is 24in wide, assaying 57/9 per ton. Driving has been suspended to admit of timbering the level. Rise No. 3 east has been started 420ft in from the shaft, to connect with winze No. 3 east, and has been carried up 9ft. The reef in the back is 48in wide, assaying 4£/ per ton. Last week the mill ran 117 hours, crushing 230 tons. There were cyanided 202 tons of sands of an assay value of 14/ per ton.

The mine manager of the Occidental mine reports that samples taken from the No. 2 level stope west of No. 4 winze, assayed respectively 1oz 13dwt 2grs, 15oz 8dwt 5grs, and 3dwt 22grs. The intermediate level from which drive from the No. 3 winze, north-west side, has been ended 13 feet. One sample assayed 7dwt 20grs; whilst an assay from the south stope back of No. 3 level, gave 6dwt 4grs. No. 4 crosscut at 440ft level was extended nine feet, total 78 feet. It appears as if the foot wall of the lode has been struck. No. 5 crosscut, 540ft level, was extended 13 feet, total 106 feet. An assay at 100 feet gave 3dwt 14grs, at 103, 14dwt 7grs; and at 106 feet, 11dwt. Free gold is showing in the dish prospects.

NORTHERN TERRITORY TIN-MINING.

BIG LODES AT WEST ARM.

Mr. W. B. Hill, a Sydney resident, has returned from a visit to the tin mines at West Arm, about 21 miles from Port Darwin. He is the owner of a 20-acre lease, which carries three tin lodes, the main or centre one, between Hampden, Queen Bee, and O.K.'s, and steady prices offered for Wallaroo and Moonta, Mount Morgan, and Kyloe (paid), did not result in business.

No business was recorded in tin shares, though there was a marked advance in the Daisieli Tin Mine. Gold stocks were represented by sales in Harden West (contg) at 1/2, /5 down; Occidental at 7/3, an advance of /3; Great Northern (Gympie) at 5/11, a fractional decrease; and Mount David, unchanged at 3/8.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COPPER.		
Budgery Mines	0 3 6	0 3 9
Ditto, contributing	0 2 6	0 2 9
Chillagoe	0 4 3	0 4 5
Chillagoe-Clencurry, paid	0 8 6	0 9 6
Lloyd Copper	0 0 6	0 0 9
Kyloe Hole	0 0 9	0 1 0
Ditto, contributing	0 2 9	0 4 0
M'Gregor-Clencurry, paid	0 0 7	0 0 9
Mount Cumindah	0 0 7	0 0 9
Mount Elliott	1 19 6	2 1 6
Mount Molloy	0 9 2	0 9 4
Mungana Chillagoe	0 5 3	0 5 6
Turon	0 5 1	0 5 3
Queen Bee	0 9 3	0 10 0
Wallaroo and Moonta	1 12 6	1 13 0
Kyloe, paid	0 0 6	0 0 9
Ditto, contributing	0 1 6	0 2 6
TIN.		
Daisieli's Tin Mines	0 1 8½	—
Gilmore	0 1 9	—
Stannary Hills	0 0 9	0 1 2
Vulcan	—	—
SILVER.		
New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	0 12 6	0 13 0
Broken Hill Proprietary	2 18 0	2 19 6
Ditto, Block 10	2 10 0	2 14 0
Ditto, Block 14	0 14 0	0 15 0
Ditto, preference	0 14 0	0 15 0
Ditto, contributing	0 1 2	0 1 8
B. H. Junction North	0 13 0	0 13 6
B.H. North	1 10 0	1 11 0
B.H. South	3 1 3	3 2 0
B.H. South, contributing	2 15 6	2 16 6
B.H. South Blocks	0 0 0	0 0 9
C.S.A. Mines, etc.	0 17 6	—
Sulphide Corporation, ordinary	0 9 6	0 9 9
GOLD.		
New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	0 4 11	0 5 4
Harden	0 1 0	0 1 6
Harden Central (paid)	0 1 9	0 2 5
Harden West	0 2 3	0 2 6
Ditto, contributing	0 1 0	0 1 3
Mount David	0 2 7	0 2 8
Mount Dryadale	0 0 0	0 3 0
New Hillgrove Proprietary	0 9 0	0 9 3
Occidental	0 7 0	0 7 9
Sunlight	0 1 1	0 1 4
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Amalgamated Tin	—	0 4 0
Araluen Central	0 5 9	0 7 6
Associated Gold Dredging	0 6 0	0 6 6
Conrad Creek	—	0 7 6
Elrington	—	0 2 0
Jembaicumbene	—	0 2 0
Tingha Tin, paid	—	0 3 0
Tingha Tin	—	0 5 0
Turon River	—	0 0 0
Victoria.		
Mount Lyell	1 5 0	—
Queensland—		
Charters Towers, etc.		
Brilliant Central	—	0 5 0
Brilliant Extended	0 6 3	0 7 0
Ditto, contributing	0 4 0	—
Mount Morgan	3 2 1	3 6 0
Ruby	0 2 1	—
Victoria and Caledonia Block	—	0 1 0
Victoria and Queen	—	0 1 0
Victory	—	0 1 0
Gympie.		
Great Northern, contributing	0 5 10	0 6 6
North Columbia and Smithfield, No. 1	0 1 3½	0 1 5
North Columbia and Smithfield, No. 2	—	0 14 0
North Smithfield	—	0 6 9
Oriental and Glanmire	0 4 0	0 6 0
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 1 0	0 2 0
South Great Eastern, No. 2	—	0 0 9
Great Western	0 2 0	—
Western Australia.		
Associated	—	0 18 0
Chaffer's	0 0 4	0 0 6
Great Boulder	—	1 8 9
Ditto, No. 1	—	0 4 9
Ditto, Perseverance	—	0 0 9

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

MORNING.

Copper.—Mount Molloy, 9/4½, prompt; Queen Bee, 9/5; O.K. Copper, 5/2; Mount Elliott, 41/6; Wallaroo and Moonta, 33/3; Kyloe, contg, 1/6.

Silver.—B.H. South, paid, 61/; ditto, one month, sellers' option, 61/6; ditto, terms three weeks, 62/; B.H. Proprietary, one month, 49/; B.H. Junction North, 13/3; ditto, terms one month, 13/; B.H. South, contg, 56/6.

Tin.—Nil.

Gold.—Nuggetty Ajax (Victoria), /8; Mount David, 3/8.

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MOUNT DAVID GOLD-MINING COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the Mount David Gold-mining Company was held yesterday afternoon in the board-room of Pickering's chambers, Mr. D. K. Inglis presiding. In the course of a statement the chairman remarked that the big development on the 420ft level, S.E. drive, from the winch winze, had greatly improved the prospects of the company. Already the big reef had been driven 150ft on stone, averaging about an ounce to the ton. Three winzes had been sunk on the stone, which, in places, widened to 5ft., and gave an average of from 3ft to 5ft. In a little over a month the directors hope to be stoping on this ore from the 480ft level. In the upper levels ore of good quality is being stoped, with every appearance of going to the surface.

With a view to largely reducing working cost it has been determined to sink a new shaft some 400ft east of No. 3 S.E. level. This will effect an economy of upwards of 10s a ton, and give 150ft of backs. As payment will be spread over the next few months the cost will not materially affect the wages-sheet. The Little Marvel mine, with all plant and machinery, has been secured by the company. It is intended to float this mine, giving the Mount David shareholders a fully paid interest. The Huntingdon mill at Nundle will be utilised for treating the open cut ore, which is expected to yield considerable profit. The old ten head battery of the Mount David Company will be sold to the Little Marvel.

The chairman announced that the work on which they had been driving at the 420ft level was opening out, apparently making a new lens of ore. He congratulated the shareholders on the improved financial condition. The £2000 debit of profit and loss had been changed to a surplus of about £2300 at present in hand. It was announced that Mr. Nardin, B.E., mining engineer, had taken the place of Mr. Robson on the board. Mr. C. Delohery, jun., was re-elected a director, and Messrs. John and Digby Smith as auditors. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

MINING IN THE STATE.

GUNDAGAI, Monday.

Wells, Roper, and party, of Reno, cleaned up this week 230 tons for 31oz. A new find has been made at Mount Adriah, about 30 miles from Gundagai. Dwyer Bros. have secured a reef in virgin country. Dolly prospects give 6oz to the ton. The reef is 5in wide.

MUDGEE, Monday.

Winter Bros., of the Golden Lily mine, Windeyer, have deposited 180oz of gold in the Commercial Bank as the result of an 80-ton crushing.

PEAK HILL, Monday.

During the eleven months of the present year 44,474 tons of ore were treated by the Myalls Peak Hill gold mines for a return of 5456oz, valued at £21,345. By the end of the year the number of tons treated will be about equal to last year, and the value of the gold won about £2000.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

Western Australian mines: Associated, 17/6, b 17/3, s 17/9; ditto Northern, b 15/, s 18/9; Great Boulder Perseverance, £/8, b 5/8, s 5/9; Great Boulder, 22/6, 23/3, b 23/1½, s 23/4½; Golden

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A good volume of business was carried through on the investment side of the Stock and Share market yesterday at full rates. Bank of New South Wales (old) rose 10/, Newcastle Steam 1/, and Vale of Clywdd Coal 1/, other sales being at late rates.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: Silverton Tramway, 74/4§; Mudgee Gas, 83/; A.J.S. Bank "B" Deposits, 13/6; Bank of New South Wales, £43/5/; Newcastle and Hunter River, 25/6; Vale of Clywdd, 29/. Afternoon: Union Bank, £58/17/6; "Daily Telegraph" Newspaper, £68.

Closing quotations were as follows:—

Company.	Amount of Shares.	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. per Annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investor.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
STOCK.							
G.S.W. P.S.							
Do., due 1912	..	..	3	85	..	85	3½
Do., due 1912	..	..	3½	90	..	95½	3½
Do., due 1912	..	..	4	101½	100½	102	3½
Do., due 1915	..	..	3½	99½	..	..	3½
Do., due 1915	..	..	3½	..	..	..	..
Do., due 1921	..	..	3½	99½	..	99½	3½
Do., due 1924-5	..	..	3	..	88	..	3½
Do., due 1909	..	..	4	100½	100½	101	..
Do., Act, 1873	..	..	4	106	106	110	3½
Do. 4 p.c., due 9/8/'07	..	..	4	100§	..	..	..
Do., Deb., 1908	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
T. Bills, 1906	..	..	3½	100	99	..	..
Ditto	..	..	4	101½	100	..	..
N.Z. Deb., 1913	..	..	4	101	..	101	3½
Do., 1921	..	..	4	101§	101	102	3½
Queens. Deb., 1913	..	..	4	101§	..	..	3½
Ditto, Tr. Bills	..	..	4	101§	101	..	..
W. A. Inscr.	..	..	4	101/10/	101	..	..
Ditto, 1902	..	..	3½	..	..	..	..
Australian Gas Deb., 1923	..	..	4	101§	101	..	3½
City Sydney Deb.	..	..	4	103½	101	..	3½
Do., 1908	..	..	4	103§	..	..	3½
Do., 1938	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Metrop. Sydney Bds.	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Sydney Corporation Loan	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Sydney Harbour Trust	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Sydney Improvement	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Sydney Water Bds.	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Sydney Water Loan	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Sydney Water Inscr.	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Sydney Water Stock	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Sydney Water Tr. Bills	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Tas. Inscr.	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Ditto, 1902	..	..	3½	..	..	..	..
Ditto, 1904	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Ditto, 1910	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Ditto, 1920	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Ditto, 1921	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Ditto, 1922	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Ditto,

FUNERALS.

BARNES.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES EDWARD BARNES are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER, Agnes Beatrice; to leave their residence, 71 Hordern-street, Newtown, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for the Necropolis, via Newtown Station.
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BENNETT.—The Friends of Mr. JAS. BENNETT are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Emma Frances; to move from his residence, 60 Watkin-street, Newtown, TO-MORROW, Wednesday, at 1.45 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery, via Newtown station.
W. N. BULL, Funeral Director.

BENNETT.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. S. PEPPER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER, Mrs. JAS. BENNETT; to move from her late residence, 60 Watkin-street, Newtown, TO-MORROW, Wednesday, at 1.45 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery, via Newtown stn., W. N. Bull.

BENNETT.—The Friends of Mr. W. H. PEPPER (of W. H. Pepper and Co.) are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved SISTER, Mrs. Jas. Bennett; to move from her late residence, 67 Watkin-street, Newtown, TO-MORROW, Wednesday, at 1.45, for Rookwood Cemetery, via Newtown stn.

BENNETT.—The Friends of Misses MAY and ETHEL PEPPER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER, Mrs. Jas. Pepper; to move from her late residence, 60 Watkin-street, Newtown, TO-MORROW, Wednesday, at 1.45 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery, via Newtown station.
W. N. BULL,
Funeral Director.

CHOUNDING.—The Funeral of the late Mr. JOHN J. JOSEPH CHOUNDING will leave his late residence, 56 Lower Fort-street, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 12.45, for Holy Trinity Church, thence after service at 1.15 to the Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood.
COFFILL and CO.,
Funeral Directors.

MASONIC.—The Officers and Members of the Grand M. Lodge are invited to attend the Funeral of the late Wor. Bro. J. J. CHOUNDING (P.G. Deacon), TO-DAY, TUESDAY. The train leaves the Mortuary Station, Regent-street, for Rookwood Cemetery at 2.30 p.m. Regalia to be worn at the grave.
ARTHUR H. BRAY,
Grand Secretary.

MASONIC.—The Officers and Brethren of Leinster Marine Lodge of Australia, No. 2, U.G.L., of N.S.W., and sister lodges, are requested to attend the Funeral of our late Wor. Bro., J. J. CHOUNDING, P.G.D., to leave his late residence, 56 Lower Fort-street, THIS AFTERNOON, at 12.45, for Holy Trinity Church, thence after service at 1.15 to the Necropolis. Regalia at grave.
J. S. SYMINGTON, W.M.
THOS. E. SPENCER, P.G.M., Sec.

MASONIC.—The Officers and Members of LODGE MANLY ST. JOHN, No. 83, U.G.L., N.S.W., are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late Wor. Bro., J. J. CHOUNDING, P.G.S.D.; to leave Holy Trinity Church at 1.15 p.m. for Rookwood Cemetery.
E. LUCE, W.M. L. C. JOHNSON, Sec.

CHOUNDING.—LODGE VICTORIA, No. 112, U.C.L. of N.S.W.—The Officers and Members of the above Lodge are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of our late beloved Wor. Bro., JOHN J. CHOUNDING, P.G.S.D., which will leave his late residence, No. 56 Lower Fort-street, Dawes Point, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 12.45 o'clock, for Holy Trinity Church, and after service to the Necropolis. Regalia at grave.
ARTHUR C. J. WOOD, W.M.
W. T. WILLINGTON, Secretary.

COSGROVE.—The Friends of Mrs. SARAH COSGROVE (relict of the late Thomas Cosgrove) are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral; to leave her late residence, 118 George-street West, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood.
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COSGROVE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS COSGROVE and the Misses HARRIET and NELLIE COSGROVE are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved MOTHER; to leave 118 George-street West, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood.

COSGROVE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN McLEAN, Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS O'TOOLE, and Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM RICE, and their FAMILIES, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved MOTHER and GRANDMOTHER, Sarah Cosgrove; to leave 118 George-street West, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood.
COFFILL and CO.

GASCOIGNE.—The Friends of Mrs. ADA GASCOIGNE and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved HUSBAND and FATHER, Ambrose; to leave his late residence, Pacific View, 50 Read-street, Waverley, TO-MORROW (Wednesday), 25th inst., at 3.30, for the C. of E. Cemetery, Waverley.
COFFILL and COMPANY.

GASCOIGNE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR COURTNEY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved BROTHER, Ambrose Gascoigne; to leave Pacific View, 50 Read-street, Waverley, TO-MORROW (Wednesday), at 3.30, for Waverley Cemetery.
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HARRY.—The Friends of the late Mr. JAMES HARRY (Monumental Mason) are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, Newlyn, Macpherson-street, Waverley, TO-MORROW (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 3.45, for Waverley Cemetery.
COFFILL and COMPANY.

HARRY.—The Friends of Messrs. JAMES, GEORGE, and HAROLD, and the Misses ADA, EMILY, and ETHEL HARRY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved FATHER; to leave Newlyn, Macpherson-street, Waverley, TO-MORROW (Wednesday), at 3.45 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
COFFILL and COMPANY.

HARRY.—The Friends of Alderman WILLIAM C. and Mrs. TIPPER are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved FATHER, James Harry; to leave Newlyn, Macpherson-street, Waverley, TO-MORROW (Wednesday), at 3.45 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
Funeral Directors.

HARRY, JAMES, Master Monumental Masons' Association.—Members are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late Associate, JAMES HARRY; to leave Newlyn, Macpherson-street, Waverley, TO-MORROW, 25th inst., at 3.30.
FREDERICK ARNOLD, Pres.; WM. D. TIPPER, Sec.

HEREDITARY PRINCE OF WALES, A.O.F.—The Members are invited to attend the Funeral of our late Bro., JAS. HARRY, Sen.; to move from his late residence, Macpherson-street, for Waverley Cemetery, at 3.30 TO-MORROW, Wednesday.
H. J. ACKLAND, C.R. G. D. SIMONS, Sec.

HARTGE.—The Friends of the late Mrs. CLARA HARTGE (late of Liverpool) are kindly invited to attend the Funeral; to move from her late residence, 24 Oxford-street, Newtown, THIS DAY, at 12.30 p.m., for Redfern station, thence per 1.30 train for Liverpool R.C. Cemetery.
W. N. BULL,
Funeral Director.

HARTGE.—The Relatives and Friends of the Family of the late Mrs. CLARA HARTGE are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from her late residence, 24 Oxford-street, Newtown, THIS DAY, at 12.30 p.m., for Redfern station, thence per 1.30 train for Liverpool Cemetery.
W. N. BULL,
Funeral Director.

JONES.—The Friends of the deceased Mr. CHARLES P. JONES are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, 7 Burnell-place, Woolloomooloo, THIS TUESDAY, at 8.30 a.m., for Necropolis.
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LAMBOURNE.—The Friends of the deceased Mr. THOMAS LAMBOURNE are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, 14 Bates-lane, off Sussex-street, THIS TUESDAY, at 1.30 p.m., for the Necropolis.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Limited,
Undertakers,
7 Elizabeth-st; and 236 Miller-st, North Syd. Tel., 875.

LATIMER.—The Friends of Mr. NOBLE LATIMER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved HUSBAND, Noble; to leave his late residence, 33 Kensington-street, Waterloo, THIS DAY, at 1.15, for the Methodist Cemetery, Rookwood.
C. FIELD and SON, Undertakers.

LATIMER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM LATIMER, Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH LATIMER, Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS PARKER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved FATHER, Noble Latimer; to leave his late residence, 33 Kensington-st, Waterloo, THIS DAY, 1.15, for the Methodist Cemetery, Rookwood.

LATIMER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. SAMUEL GILBERT, Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT GILBERT are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved FATHER, Noble Latimer; to leave his late residence, 33 Kensington-st, Waterloo, THIS DAY, at 2.15, for the Methodist Cemetery, Rookwood.
C. FIELD and SON, Undertakers.

LOWING—The Friends of Mrs. ALICE LOUISE LOWING and DAUGHTER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved HUSBAND and FATHER, John Joseph Lowing, which will leave the Mortuary Station THIS (Tuesday) MORNING, at 9.30, for Church of England Cemetery, Necropolis.
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SWANTON.—The Friends of the late Mr. ROY SWANTON, late of Hurstville, are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will leave Cronulla Beach at 1 o'clock THIS DAY (Tuesday), for Rutherland at 3.
C. KINSELLA, Undertaker.

WALSHE.—The Friends of Mr. FRANK WALSHE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE, James; to move from his residence, Belmore-road, Coogee, THIS DAY, TUESDAY, at 9.30 a.m., for Long Bay Cemetery.
CHAS. KINSELLA,
Funeral Director,
716 Oxford-street, and Belmore-road, Randwick.

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